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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, August 16, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF Interest allowed on Deposits.
At 3 months' notice 3 per cent. per annum.
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ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

F. HUTCHINGS begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.
Shop—Wellington Street, opposite the Cathedral.
Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

For Sale. RECENTLY ARRIVED. — AND — FOR SALE.

TEYSSONNEAU'S FINE FRENCH STRAWBERRIES.
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BUSCK & Co.'s SELECTED DANISH BUTTER, Season 1878, in Tins of 1 lb., 2 lbs., and 4 lbs.
ENGLISH and AMERICAN HOUSEHOLD STORES.
EXTRA FINE CHICAGO BACON and HAMS.
MACREREL and SALMON BELLIES, in Kits.
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ADMIRALTY TESTED CHAIN CABLES, and RIGGING CHAIN.
ANCHORS, from 25 lbs. up to 18 cwt. Each.
PERFORATED ZINC SHEETS.
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LEAD PIPE, and SHEET LEAD.
FAIRBANK'S PLATFORM SCALES, from 400 lbs. to 2,500 lbs.
MASSER'S PATENT LOGS.
FLOUR SIEVES.
INDIA RUBBER KNEE and HIP BOOTS, &c., &c., &c.
LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.
Hongkong, August 21, 1878.

FOR SALE.
THE POWERFUL STEAMER "SEA GULL," 45 tons register, 40 H.P. nominal; Steam 8 knots. She was originally fitted as a Tug and Water Boat, and can be again adapted for the latter purpose at little expense. She has proved herself to be an excellent Sea Boat, and is well found, her Engine and Boiler being in first-class order.
ALSO,
The Schooner "C O E R A N," 134 tons register, built at Singapore in 1864, of Singapore Hardwood and Teak, with Iron Fastenings. She was thoroughly repaired and refitted in April last, and is now in first-class order.
For further Particulars, apply to MORRIS and RAY, Ship Brokers, where the Inventories may be seen.
Hongkong, October 15, 1878. no16

NOTICE.
COKE AND TAR FOR SALE, IN QUANTITIES TO SUIT PURCHASERS. Apply at the GAS WORKS, West Point. A. NEWTON, Manager.
Hongkong, November 5, 1878. jal

NOW READY.
A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I. and II., A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITZEL, Ph.D. Tubingen.
Price: FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF per Part.
To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.
Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

FOR SALE.
AN OPEN SAILING BOAT, with Masts and Sails Complete, and also can be used for Pulling Six Oars.
Built Expressly for REGATTA.
For Particulars, apply to T. ANTHONY & Co.
Hongkong, October 18, 1878.

WASHING BOOKS.
(In English and Chinese.)
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.
China Mail Office.

For Sale. EX LATE ARRIVALS.

LETT'S DIARIES for 1879.
BASS'S DRAUGHT ALE, in Splendid Condition.
PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.
LADIES' GARDENING TOOLS.
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POCKET KNIVES.
THE NEW CHAMPAGNE TAP.
SWIMMING BELTS and AIR CUSHIONS.
CHARLIS, in Pints.
TWEEDS, in Suit or Trouser Lengths.
FRIEZES, for Ushers.
WINTER SOCKS & UNDERSHIRTS; Newest Patterns.
CHAMBERS'S ENCYCLOPEDIA, Latest Edition.
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DICTIONARIES & WORKS of REFERENCE.
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SCARVES AND TIES, Newest Patterns.
GRAMMARS and SCHOOL BOOKS.
NEW SEASON'S APPLES.
THE NEWEST NOVELS.
RED HEART RUM.
SHOOTING BOOTS.
SPORTING GEAR, of all Descriptions.
—LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
Hongkong, October 18, 1878.

Intimations.
G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS. NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.
45, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, October 21, 1878. no20

MOORE & Co., "VARIETY STORE," NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS, No. 42, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Cheap Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.
MEYER & Co., Proprietors.
Hongkong, August 28, 1878. no28

DENTAL NOTICE.
DR. ROGERS begs to say that he intends VISITING AMOY and Foochow, leaving Hongkong September 15th, and returning November 1st.
Hongkong, August 21, 1878.

NOTICE.
FROM THE 1ST OF OCTOBER, DR. EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.
Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

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Now Ready.
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Brief Sketches from the Life of K'ung-ming. The Critical Discussions of Wang Ch'ung. The Idol Kwong Shing Wang. Geographical Notes on the Province of Kiangsi. Stray Notes on Chinese Reader's Manual. Ethnological Sketches from the Dawn of History. Translations of Chinese School-books. The Ballads of the Shi-king. The Pekingese Ju-ching. Notes on Chinese Grammar. Jottings from the Book of Rites. Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence. Notes and Queries.—Devices for Keeping Time. Modes of Consulting the Oracles. Chinese Bank Notes. The Mammoth. The Emperor Styled "Brother of the Sun and Moon." The K'ang. A Remarkably Time Bird. Legends on Soapstones and Chinaware. The Portuguese Sovereignty over Macao. Breeding Pearls. Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.
China Mail Office, Hongkong, November 9, 1878.

Auctions. PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, ON **MONDAY,** the 11th November, 1878, at 1 o'clock p.m., at the Kerosene Godown of Messrs LANDSTEIN & Co., No. 50 D., Wanchai, (For account of the concerned,) 7,710 Cases DEVOE'S KEROSENE OIL, viz: J M (in diamond) 5,000 Cases, and A (in diamond) 2,710 Cases, Packed in Improved Patent Cans with Flat Tops. (All more or less sea-damaged.) Ex "Verona."
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash in Bank Notes on the fall of the hammer. The Kerosene Oil will be sold in lots of 50 Cases, and all Lots to be cleared before the 18th November; for any Lots remaining uncleared after that date, the Purchaser will have to pay Storage to Messrs LANDSTEIN & Co., at the Rate of Two Cents per Case per month or part of a month. The Kerosene Oil will be at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer, and no Claims for leakage or damage of any kind whatever will be admitted thereafter.
HUGHES & LEGGE, Auctioneers.
Hongkong, November 6, 1878. all

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, ON **MONDAY,** the 11th November, 1878, at 3 o'clock p.m., at the Kerosene Godown, Wanchai, of Messrs DAVIS & Co., (For account of the concerned,) W. D., 5,000 Cases SONS & FLEMING'S KEROSENE OIL, "Comet Brand," Packed in Patent Tins, with Plain Tops. (All more or less sea-damaged.) Ex "Verona."
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash in Bank Notes on the fall of the hammer. The Kerosene Oil will be sold in Lots of 50 Cases, and all Lots to be cleared before the 18th November; any Lots remaining uncleared after that date, the Purchaser will have to pay Storage to Messrs DAVIS & Co., at the Rate of Two Cents per Case per month or part of a month. The Kerosene Oil will be at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer, and no Claims for leakage or damage of any kind whatever will be admitted thereafter.
HUGHES & LEGGE, Auctioneers.
Hongkong, November 8, 1878. all

Shipping. Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.
The Dutch Steamer "JAYA," Capt. WEBER, will load here for the above Ports, and will leave on MONDAY, the 11th Instant, at 2 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to HOP KEE.
Hongkong, November 8, 1878. no11

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.
The Steamship "GLENROY," Captain DONALDSON, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 12th Instant, at 8 o'clock p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, November 7, 1878. no12

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.
The Steamship "VENICE," P. RHODE, Commander, will leave for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 14th Instant, at 8 o'clock p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, November 6, 1878. no14

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.
The Steamship "JAPAN," Captain T. S. GARNER, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 14th Instant, at 8 o'clock p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, November 5, 1878. no16

Shipping. Steamers.

FOR PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Taking through Passengers and Cargo to New Zealand.)
The Eastern and Australian Mail Co.'s Steamer "NORMANBY," Captain ELLIS, shortly expected from Singapore, will have quick despatch as above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, October 31, 1878.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.
The Company's Steamship "ANADYR," Commandant DE BUTLER, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.
L. HENNEQUIN, Actg. Agent.
Hongkong, November 8, 1878.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.
The Company's Steamship "VOLGA," Commandant ROLLAND, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.
L. HENNEQUIN, Actg. Agent.
Hongkong, November 8, 1878.

Railing Vessels.
FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The 41 British Bark "GLADIS," Captain ROLLO, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, October 26, 1878. no26

FOR NEW YORK.
The 41 British Bark "LIZZIE FERRY," Captain FITMAN, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, September 17, 1878.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The 41 German Bark "NIAGARA," PAULSEN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, November 2, 1878.

FOR CALLAO.
The British Bark "LORD MACAULAY," MONKMAN, Master, having a large portion of her Cargo engaged, will have quick despatch.
For Freight or Passage, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, October 26, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.
The 41 British Ship "MARY FRASER," DEXTER, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, September 14, 1878.

FOR LONDON.
The British Ship "SIR CHARLES NAPIER," GEO. FRANKS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, September 14, 1878.

FOR HAMBURG.
The 8/3 L II American Bark "DIRIGO," STAPLES, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, July 20, 1878.

Mails.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR
BAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
ALSO,
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON THURSDAY, the 14th November,
1878, at Noon, the Company's
S. S. A. Y. A., Commandant HERNANDEZ,
with MAIL, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.
on the 13th November, 1878. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, November 1, 1878. no14

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF
PEKING will be despatched for San
Francisco, via Yokohama, on FRIDAY, the
15th November, at 8 o'clock p.m., taking
Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the
United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama, and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Indian Cities of the United States via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

On THROUGH PASSENGERS TO EUROPE,
a REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT
from Regular Rates is granted to
OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY,
AND MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND
CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISS-
ION.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m., of 14th November. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 8, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 23, 1878. no15

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL

and

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "BELGIO" will be despatched
for San Francisco via Yokohama,
on or about MONDAY, the 2nd December,
at 8 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for
Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 1st December. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A Reduction is made on RETURN Pas-
sage Tickets.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, November 3, 1878. da2

For Sale.

NOW READY.

PIENG-SHUI, or, THE ROBINSONS OF
NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr.
E. J. REYNOLDS. One Volume. 8vo. Price,
\$1.50.

BUDHISM, its History, Theory and
Practical Beliefs, in three Lectures,
By Dr. R. J. REYNOLDS. Second Edition. One
Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

Orders will be received by Messrs Lane,
Knolly & Co.

Hongkong, July 31, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Glenroy having arrived from
the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo
are hereby informed that their Goods—
with the exception of Opium—are being
landed at their risk (into the Godowns of
the Underigned, whence and/or from the
Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before 2
o'clock To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
14th Instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, November 7, 1878. no14

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Venice having arrived from
the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo
are hereby requested to send in their Bills
of Lading to the Underigned for counter-
signature, and to take immediate delivery
of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, November 5, 1878. no12

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Japan, Captain T. S.
GARDNER, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her
are hereby requested to send in their Bills
of Lading to the Underigned for counter-
signature, and to take immediate delivery
of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, November 5, 1878. no12

FROM LONDON AND PORTS
OF CALL.

THE British Steamer Flintshire having
arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her
are hereby informed that their Goods are
hereby landed at their risk and stored in
the Godowns of the Underigned, whence
and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery
may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
11th Instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
WILKES, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents, British Steamer Flintshire.

Hongkong, November 4, 1878. no11

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

S. S. AMAZONE.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S.
Copernicus, from London, in connec-
tion with the above Steamer, are hereby
informed that their Goods are being
landed and stored at their risk at the Com-
pany's Godowns, whence delivery may be
obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on
unless intimation is received from the Con-
signees, before To-day, the 31st Inst., at
2 p.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Underigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after THUR-
SDAY, the 7th November, at Noon, will be
subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, October 31, 1878.

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or
PAPERS will be thankfully received
at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

INSURANCES.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant
Policies against Fire to the extent of
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Poochow, Shanghai
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Agents.

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

INSURANCES.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Siam, and Penang.

Kinds accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEE.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Underigned, AGENTS at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared to
grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent
of \$10,000 on any Building, or on
Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL—Two MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE
SOCIETY OF THE
UNITED STATES.

THE Underigned are prepared to accept
RISKS at GREATLY REDUCED
RATES, and upon Terms very favourable
to the Assured.

OLYPHANT & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 17, 1878.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits
are distributed annually to Contributors,
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premiums contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
of
His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Underigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—
Marine Department.
Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER
AND LONDON.

THE Underigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Poochow, Shanghai
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of
Mr. DAVID ROBERT FENTON
CRAWFORD in our Shanghai Firm,
CREATED on 31st March last.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Shanghai, October 10, 1878. no14

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

HONGKONG AGENT.

FROM This Date until further notice,
Mr. L. HENNEQUIN will assume
the Management of the Company's Office
at this Port.

H. DE POUEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, November 1, 1878.

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE
COMPANY.

FROM This Date, and during the
Absence of the Underigned, Mr
REGINALD DIGBY STANLEY is author-
ized to Act as AGENT for the Company in
Hongkong.

J. KENNARD DAVIS,
Agent.

Hongkong, October 15, 1878. no15

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr
ARTHUR CHART in our Firm
CREATED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.

Hongkong, June 13, 1878. de13

NOTICE.

MR NG MEI KUM otherwise called
NG HOK MUN is admitted a
Partner in our Firm from the 2nd
February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG,
No. 9 & 11, Bonham Strand West.

Hongkong, September 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of
the late Mr NG SIN FOO otherwise
called NG HOK SEE in our Firm CREATED
from the 2nd February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG,
No. 9 & 11, Bonham Strand West.

Hongkong, September 30, 1878. de30

Intimations.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY,
IN LIQUIDATION.

A SIXTH RETURN of CAPITAL at
the Rate of TWO TALLS per
SHARE will be made to Shareholders of
Record on the 11th October, Payable at
the Office of the Liquidators, on MON-
DAY, the 21st October.

Warrants will then be delivered by the
Underigned to Shareholders, or their
lawful representatives, on presentation of
Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will
be CLOSED from the 11th to the 21st
October, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co.,
Liquidators.

Shanghai, October 2, 1878. no14

CAUTION TO THE PUBLIC!

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE.

WHEREAS it having become known to the
Proprietors of Dr BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE
that a worthless imitation, bearing a similar
name, is exported to India, China, &c., and
endeavouring to be foisted on purchasers as
equal in efficacy to Dr BRIGHT'S Phosphodyne,
they feel it due to the public to specially caution
them against this compound and request their
most careful attention to the following distinctive
characteristics of Dr BRIGHT'S (the only genuine)
Phosphodyne.

1st.—That Dr BRIGHT'S Phosphodyne is sold
only in cases.

2nd.—The words "Dr BRIGHT'S Phospho-
dyne" are clearly legible in each bottle.

3rd.—The Registered Trade Mark and
Signature of Patentes are printed on
the label of every case.

4th.—Directions for use in all the following
languages are enclosed in each case—
English, French, German, Italian, Dutch,
Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Danish,
Turkish, Persian, Hindostani, Madras,
Bengalee, Chinese, and Japanese.

Without which none can POSSIBLY
be Genuine.

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE

Is the Only Reliable Remedy for
NERVOUS AND LIVER COMPLAINTS
AND ALL
FUNCTIONAL DERANGEMENTS.

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE is
patronized by the Aristocracy and the Elite,
extensively used in the Army and Navy, and
strongly recommended by the leading Medical
Practitioners.

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE

Is sold by all Chemists and Patent Medicine
Vendors throughout the Globe.

In India, China, &c., DR. BRIGHT'S PHOS-
PHODYNE is generally sold at an advance
on the English Price.

The high Estimation in which Phosphodyne
is held is unquestionably due to its adminis-
tration, in this form. Therefore

BE FOR

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE

And do not be persuaded to take any
Useless and Possibly Dangerous
Imitation.

CAUTION TO MEDICINE VENDORS.

The Trade Mark, Label, &c., of DR.
BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE are duly entered
at Stationers' Hall, London, and are also re-
gistered in the Chief Cities of the World.

Chemists and Druggists are hereby warned
that legal proceedings will be immediately in-
stituted by the Authorized Agents, against any
person or persons selling fraudulent imitations
of DR. BRIGHT'S (the only genuine) PHOS-
PHODYNE, from this date, 1st October, 1878.

Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

Intimations.

AFONG,
PHOTOGRAPHER,
by appointment, to
H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, H. E. AD-
MIRAL ALFRED P. RYDER, AND TO H. I. H.
THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

THE Spacious Premises being built espe-
cially for the production of Portraits
and fitted up so as to command the best
light throughout all the Hours of the Day
is Open from 8 o'clock a.m. until 6 o'clock
p.m., under the personal Management of
D. K. Griffith, who has introduced all the
latest novelties.

ENLARGEMENTS
AND
REDUCTIONS.

In a Superior Style at Moderate Charges.

STUDIO, QUEEN'S ROAD,
Nearly opposite The Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, September 19, 1878.

MURRAY & LANMAN'S
FLORIDA WATER.

CAUTION.

HAVING Learned that Large Quantities
of IMITATIONS of our FLORIDA
WATER have recently been imported to
Hongkong, we caution the

sharp, and march to the Race-course, where they will be put through some evolutions by the Captain Commandant. The pipes and drums of H. M. 74th Regiment will accompany the volunteers, and refreshments will be provided for the members by the officers.

As will be seen by a Reuter's telegram which we publish in another column, the M. M. steamer *Djemnah* has been on shore and sustained damages, which will necessitate her being docked. The *Djemnah* left Marseilles on the 3rd instant, and it is, therefore, presumable that the mishap occurred after she had left Naples. Her place will be taken by the M. M. steamer *Sindh*. The following are amongst her passengers:—To Shanghai: Mr. Henry Morris, eight Missionaries. To Hongkong: Mr. A. B. Tomkins, Dr. Wharry, Mrs. Wharry, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brereton.

Last night, or rather about 3 o'clock this morning, wakened folks may have been startled by hearing the rushing sound of rockets. We can assure them there was no cause for alarm. There was no new night attack, nor was any ship in distress. It was simply this, the U. S. S. *Alert*, which had arrived in the Harbour, signalled to the U. S. S. *Danger*. "This is customary when vessels of war arrive at night. The *Alert* made known her name by means of blue and red lights, and the effect was very pretty. The Police steam launches, ever on the alert (this is not a joke), steamed alongside to know the why and the wherefore, but the fears of the guardians of the peace were soon allayed.

The steamer *Diamante*, which arrived here to-day from Manila, is a new vessel intended to run in conjunction with the *Emeralda* between this port, Amoy, and Manila. She is commanded by Captain Thebaud, who for so many years commanded the *Emeralda*. The *Diamante* was built at Aberdeen by Messrs Hall, Russell & Co., under the direct supervision of Captain Thebaud. She is a very neat little craft of 614 tons register, but does not, to our thinking, sit so well upon the water as does her compeer the *Emeralda*. Being a larger vessel, she is much more roomy, and neater on deck. Her cabin accommodation is all that could be desired, and she will no doubt be a favorite amongst passengers for this reason. The vessel is of course constructed to meet the requirements of the trade, and no better judge as to what those requirements are could be found than Captain Thebaud. Her dimensions we gave in a former issue, so need not repeat them here, and as to her seagoing qualities she is said to behave well and gives general satisfaction. We wish the *Diamante* a successful career.

CRICKET.

A match was played to-day—Old Residents versus New. The Old Residents won the toss and went first to the wickets, sending in Alfred and Shaw, who both behaved very creditably, the former scoring 7 and the latter 11. The Old Residents made some smart batting; Wodehouse alone made 46 runs, and as will be seen by the scores which we append, none of them need blush for the result, as they foot up a grand total of 147. The New Residents found a champion in the person of Mr. W. Dunman, who made the best score of the day (55), but with the exception of Cavendish and Prothero, the others will have to go oftener afield before they can hope to compete with the old stagers. Time works wonders, however, and will doubtless yet convert some of the "youngsters" into old stagers and good battlers. The following are the scores:—

Old Residents.

Alford c. Henneage b. Dunman	7
Shaw c. Travers b. D. C. Travers	11
Heaton l. b. w. b. D. C. Travers	2
Hughes c. Munro b. Prothero	6
Darby b. D. C. Travers	0
Wodehouse a Friend b. Prothero	46
Grimble b. Munro	12
Johnson b. Friend	19
Gibb c. Henneage b. D. C. Travers	0
Coxon c. D. C. Travers b. Munro	19
Ridgway b. Friend	9
Grant c. Friend b. Dunman	0
Anton c. Oswald b. Dunman	8
Barclay not out	3
Extras	15
Total	147

New Residents.

R. Prothero c. Shaw b. Grant	11
D. C. Travers c. Gibb b. Darby	0
W. Dunman c. Grant b. Darby	55
S. Munro b. Grant	0
L. B. Friend c. Shaw b. Grant	7
Lt. Henneage run out	0
E. Syrige c. Alford b. Darby	0
Major Kecke b. Grant	4
Lt. Somerville b. Darby	4
Oswald b. Grant	1
Coker not out	2
Lt. Cavendish not out	13
Caldwell did not bat	0
Kowland did not bat	0
Extras	10
Total	110

The following passengers have booked for China and Japan:—

Per P. and O. steamer *Cathay*, from Southampton, Oct. 8.—To Hongkong: Mr. Moliver, Vice-Admiral B. Coote, C.B., Lieut. D. Duggan (Flag Lieutenant), Mr. B. Urwick,

Mr. Abbott. To Shanghai: Mr. Octavius Johnson. To Yokohama: Mrs. Enslin. From Brindisi to Shanghai: Mrs. Robertson, Miss Gower.

Per P. and O. steamer *Bokhara*, from Southampton, Oct. 10.—To Shanghai, via Bombay: Mr. J. Paterson, Mr. H. Field.

Per P. and O. steamer *Australia*, from Southampton, Oct. 17.—To Hongkong: Mrs. P. B. C. Ayres.

Per P. and O. steamer *Nepaul*, from Southampton, October 31.—To Hongkong: Capt. Cairns.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Anadyr*, from Marseilles, Oct. 6.—To Yokohama: Mr. Favre Brandt, the Rev. T. S. Tyng and Mrs. Tyng, Mr. Scheidt, Miss Volger. To Shanghai: Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Hart, Mr. Von Krenck, Mr. J. J. B. Heemskirk, Mr. Bell, Mr. J. E. Shaw, Miss D'Alenques, Four Sours de Charité, To Hongkong: Mr. Cox, Mr. Methven, Mr. Pyle, Mr. Jno. Thurnburn, Mr. and Mrs. Chow Ah Leong and child, Miss Griffiths.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Peiho*, from Marseilles, Oct. 20.—To Shanghai: Mr. W. C. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins. To Hongkong: Mr. Vidal, Mr. Moorhouse, and Eight French Missionaries.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Djemnah*, from Marseilles, Nov. 3.—To Shanghai: Mr. Henry Morris, and eight Missionaries. To Hongkong: Mr. A. B. Tomkins, Dr. Wharry, Mrs. Wharry, Mr. and Mrs. Brereton.

Per M. M. steamer *Inouddy*, from Marseilles, Nov. 17.—To Shanghai: Mrs. and Miss French, Mr. Prudhomme, Mr. Sauvebois, Mr. Aboumet, Mr. Faure.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Tigre*, from Marseilles, Dec. 1.—To Shanghai: Mr. and Mrs. Glass. To Hongkong: Sir John and Lady Smale.

Per steamer *Menelaus* (Holt's line), from Liverpool, Sept. 26.—To Shanghai: The Rev. A. Elwin, Mrs. Elwin and 4 children, Miss Jennings, Miss Crisp, Miss Gertrude Smith. To Hongkong: The Rev. J. Grundy and Mrs. Grundy.

HEDGE & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 2nd November, 1878:—

Arrivals During the Week.—Oct. 28, Yesso, from Hongkong.

Departures During the Week.—Oct. 26, Hebe, for Adelaide; 27, Haeting, for Shanghai; 27, Europe, for Shanghai; 30, Yesso, for Hongkong; 30, Fantasia, for London.

Shipping in Port.—Glasgowshire, Mary Smith, Chloris, Thomas Brown.

The following is the order of Service at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, 21st Sunday after Trinity, 10th November, 1878:—

Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon, at 11.—Reader, Bishop of Victoria; Preacher, The Colonial Chaplain; First Lesson, Daniel, iii.; Second Lesson, Hebrews, iii. 7, to iv. 14; Venite, No. 3; Monks; To Deus, No. 38 and 11, Monks; Benedicamus, No. 88 Monks; First Hymn, No. 235, "The strain of praise of joy and praise," Second Hymn, No. 264, "My God, My Father, while I stray."

Evening Prayer and Sermon, at 4.—Reader, The Colonial Chaplain; Preacher, The Colonial Chaplain; First Lesson, Daniel, iii.; Second Lesson, John i. from v. 29 to vi. 6; Monks; Magnificat, No. 161 Monks; Nunc Dimittis, No. 5; Mercer; First Hymn, No. 274, "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," Second Hymn, No. 24, "Sun of my soul," thou Saviour dear.

Canton.

The Magistrate of P'un-tu issues a Proclamation calling upon the people to establish a "six-cash club" in each village for the prevention of infanticide. Each club is to raise 60 cash a month in 100 shares of six cash a share. As many shares may be taken by one person as he chooses. Allowances extending over 20 months will be made to needy women who cannot afford to keep their female babies alive. No allowance will be made for a first female child whether the first-born or the successor of several males; only to those who have given birth to a number of girls alone. No allowance will be made if the girl is given out in adoption. Small villages may join together to make a club. Large ones may have a club to themselves. This proclamation is issued on account of a Memorial presented by one of the Censors to the Throne lamenting the increasing prevalence of infanticide, especially in Kiang Si. The Emperor issues Circular Instructions to the different governments to "see to this."

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates sitting.)
9th November, 1878.

James McKenna, a seaman unemployed, was charged with stealing a dog worth \$30, the property of William Simpson, a master mariner unemployed and residing at the British Inn. It would appear from the evidence that the defendant got into conversation with the complainant at the bar of the British Inn and the dog was lying at its master's feet. The defendant patted it and asked permission to take it in his arms. Permission was readily granted and defendant ran off with the dog in his arms; he was arrested by the Police with the dog in his hands. Defendant was slightly under the influence of drink.

Defendant said he was drunk and knew nothing of what had occurred. 8 weeks' hard labour.

TO-DAY'S FINES.

Daniel Cookney, seaman British batque *Dartmouth*, drunk in the streets. To pay 10 cents chair hire.

Long Angan, mistress of a sampan, being anchored in shore before gun-fire. Fined 50 cents.

Liu Akwal, master of 89 Wanchi Road, allowing his house to be in a filthy condition. Fined \$1.

Poo Ahing, out without a pass. Fined \$1.50.

Man Achung, master of No. 89 Wanchi Road, allowing his house to be in a filthy condition. Fined \$1.

Lai Fing Kwai, a watchman giving wilful false testimony in a case brought before the Magistrate. Fined \$10.

CORRESPONDENCE.

NOTHING-NEW UNDER THE SUN!

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Sir,—Though the above sentence seems to very startling to foreigners living in China, many readers, I presume, may become surprised to learn that the Hongkong Government difficulties have occurred already 2400 years ago and have been settled in the most efficient way, showing Chinese statesmanship to be of superior quality. I regret very much that the great number of Chinese memorialists seems to have no knowledge of this fact, else the wording of their memorial would have become different to what it is.

In the historical records to the "Spring-Autumn" by See we find the following passage (see Dr. Legge, *Chinese Classics*, Vol. v. p. 11, p. 684):—

Sze-ch'an (the renowned premier of Ching) was ill, and said to Sze-pue-shuh, "When I die, the government is sure to come into your hands. It is only the [perfectly] virtuous, who can keep the people in submission by clemency. For the next class (of rulers) the best thing is severity. When fire is blazing, the people look to it with awe and fear of them die from it. Water again is weak, and the people despise and make sport with it, so that many die from it. It is difficult therefore to carry on a mild government." After being ill several months, he died (B.C. 521), and T'ao-shu received the administration of the government. He could not bear to use severity, and tried to be mild. He consequence was that there were many robbers in the State, who plundered people about the marsh of Hwan-t'oo. T'ao-shu repented of his course, saying, "If I had sooner followed the advice of Sze-ch'an, things would not have come to this." He then raised his troops, and attacking the robbers of Hwan-t'oo, killed them all, and who robbers (generally) diminished and disappeared. Chung-ao (Confucius) said, "Good! When government is mild, the people despise it. When they despise it, people must take place. When government is severe, the people are slaughtered. When this takes place, they must be dealt with mildly. Mildness serves to temper severity and severity to regulate mildness; it is in this way that the administration of government is brought to harmony."

The Ode says (She, III. 2, IX. 1):—

The people indeed are heavily burdened, But perhaps a little ease may be got for them. Deal kindly in this centre of the kingdom, And so give rest to the four quarters of it.

That has reference to the employment of mildness. (Again):—
Give no indulgence to deceit and obscurity, In order to make the unconscious careful. Who have no fear of the clear (will of Heaven);—
That has reference to the substitution of it of severity. (And further):—
So may you encourage the distant, And help the near, And establish (the throne of) our king;—
That has reference to the "harmonious blending of both of these. Another Ode (She, IV. 3, IV. 4), says:—
He was neither violent nor remiss, Neither hard nor soft, Gently he spread his instructions abroad, And all dignities and riches were concentrated in him;

That has reference to the perfection of such harmony.

When Tze-ch'an died, and Chung-ao heard of it, he shed tears and said, "He afforded a specimen of the love transmitted from the ancients!" (Please read again the beginning of this extract, to notice what Confucius, the great sage of China, calls love of the ancients!)

With due respects to all parties. Yours truly,

Canton, Nov. 7th, 1878.

Late, but perhaps not too late.

THE WU-SHIH-SHAN AFFAIR.

Foochow, 30th October, 1878.

To the Editor of "THE FOOCHOW HERALD."

DEAR SIR,—Referring to Mr. B. S. Bidwell's letter which appeared in your issue of the 10th instant, I regret that my absence from Foochow rendered me unable at once to correct some erroneous statements and misrepresentation of facts made in that letter. I do not say intentionally, relative to myself and the property held by the Church Mission at Wu-shih-shan. It is a great pity, however, that your correspondent, who professes to look at the case from a purely disinterested point of view, did not adopt the plan which he himself recommends to others, and before writing—taken more pains to make himself acquainted with the subject. Had Mr. Bidwell done this, I am willing to believe he would never have written his letter of the 7th instant.

1.—He assumes that the missionaries have built a house on ground that did not belong to them. No, it is absolutely incorrect. The house in question was built upon a small piece of land which has been in the possession of the missionaries for the last 29 years. It has been surrounded all these years by a wall, as part and parcel of the mission property, for which we now hold a deed, stamped with the official seal of the Hou Kwan Magistrate and H. B. M. Consul.

2.—Mr. Bidwell asserts, as a "carefully ascertained fact," that the "missionaries rented certain land and houses on Wu-shih-shan on the understanding that no foreign houses or anything that would interfere with the prejudices of the people should be erected thereon." No such understanding ever existed, or was known to exist by the missionaries, or by any body else. If such an understanding had existed, how is it that during all these years the Chinese never objected—though three foreign houses have been erected on the ground and have stood there for the last 30 years? These houses were in existence when the deed was drawn up in 1847. In 1871, when one of these foreign built houses was accidentally destroyed by fire and the one which now replaces it was built, its erection excited no opposition and not a word of objection was raised by any one against it. All this is inexplicable on the supposition that an understanding such as Mr. Bidwell asserts had existed. The truth is, as I have already said, no such understanding existed, and it

was utterly unknown to the Chinese till your disinterested correspondent, by some wonderful process of research, discovered it in the depths of his own consciousness, and by the aid of his most vivid imagination recorded it in the columns of your valuable paper as "a carefully ascertained fact."

3.—Another of Mr. Bidwell's "carefully ascertained facts" is to the effect that the missionaries had built a kitchen or some such building, on the vacant piece of land for which Mr. Wolfe had agreed to pay a rental of \$12 per annum, and that another vacant piece of land close by was taken by the missionaries, and represented by them as the piece for which they had agreed to pay \$12 per annum. Now, Sir, this statement is absolutely and palpably untrue, and perhaps the missionaries may feel inclined some day to impose upon Mr. Bidwell the unpleasant task of proving his assertions. If your correspondent had taken the trouble to ascertain the real facts of the case and not have drawn so much on his own imagination, he would have found that the kitchen to which he refers stands exactly where it did 25 years ago; when the house with which it is connected was occupied by the Rev. Mr. Fearny, and that the vacant piece of land in question was rented by Mr. Smith some years subsequently, and incorporated in the deed of 1867. When this deed was made, the "kitchen" to which he refers was in existence, and the only vacant piece of ground adjoining the house (not four houses as Mr. Bidwell asserts) to the right of Tzu-shan-kwan was the piece in question. These are the real facts of the case, and I challenge Mr. Bidwell or any body else to show the contrary.

4.—With reference to the native buildings which he says were torn down by me, or by my orders, and the foreign "mansions" erected by me in their place, I have to remark in the first place, that no native buildings have been torn down by me, or by my orders, and that I have had no hand in building the foreign houses to which he refers—they were all built years before I came to Foochow; and in the second place there were no "native buildings" on the ground when the deed was made between the trustees and myself in 1867.

5.—He further asserts that these "foreign mansions" cover the entire original area of the ground formerly occupied by the native buildings as well as the several pieces of land mentioned in the yearly lease in question. Here, also, Mr. Bidwell's facts are at fault. In 1871 one of these old houses was destroyed by fire, and the "mansion" as Mr. Bidwell is pleased to style it, which was built to replace it, instead of occupying a larger area occupies a much smaller one—because of the old house having been a long bungalow while the one that replaces it is a double-storied house. It certainly occupies more space in the air, and perhaps Mr. Bidwell's imagination substituted earth for air. The property as it now stands is precisely as it was in 1867, when the lease was made—except in this particular, that the vacant ground is a little larger, in consequence of the new house that was built in 1871 by the Rev. Mr. Mahood not occupying so large an area as the old bungalow. In the face of all that has been said, and considering that we possess a lease properly and legally signed and sealed by the official seals of the lawful Magistrate and H. B. M. Consul, as well as the signatures of the trustees, it requires, I think, more than ordinary audacity and capacity for recklessness of assertion, to say—as your correspondent does in reference to the Mission property at Wu-shih-shan—that the "ground is without doubt absolutely, wrongly, and illegally annexed by the Mission."

6.—Mr. Bidwell asserts, that it is a well-known fact in Foochow "that out of ten cases which have lately occupied the attention of the Foreign Office here nine have been brought against the Rev. Mr. Wolfe by the peasantry and poor people from the surrounding districts." Seeing that Mr. Bidwell's "carefully ascertained facts" hitherto have all proved to be more assumptions of his own, it seems almost natural to expect that this "well-known fact" of his in also of the same baseless character. And we are not disappointed. I certainly am not aware of any such cases having been brought against me "by the peasantry and poor people from the surrounding districts." Several cases have, however, been brought against *gentry and literati* by the poor Christian peasantry and people of the surrounding districts whose chapels have been destroyed, their houses torn down, their property taken from them, their persons injured, and in one or two cases, their lives taken away, under the influence and instigation of the *gentry and literati*—whose conduct, I am sorry to say, has been too often abetted by the local authorities. But the object of your correspondent, in inventing this story is transparent. He wishes to shield his proteges, the "literati and the officials," and as he cannot enlist truth on his side, he very prudently gives it a wide berth, and betakes himself, as usual, to his own mode of defence. It is a "well-known fact," however, that all the trouble in this City, and all over the country, experienced by missionaries and native Christians, "emanates and results" from the hostility of these classes against foreigners, and everything connected with them, and not from the peasantry and poor people, than whom there is not a more peaceable and well-disposed peasantry anywhere—when not excited and inflamed by the *gentry and literati*. It was the *gentry and their hired mob* who recently, and on a former occasion, tore down the Mission Chapels in Kiang Ning Fong. It was the *gentry and literati*, headed by the Magistrate, who nine years ago tore down the Mission Chapel in Yen-ping-foo, and for which no redress has yet been obtained. I could name several instances beside these and the late outrage at Wu-shih-shan, in which the *gentry and literati* have been the sole instigators of all the trouble and hostility experienced by foreigners and native Christians.

It is to be hoped that should Mr. Bidwell give any more of his disinterested labours to writing on behalf of the *gentry, literati, and officials*, he will pay a little more attention to real facts, and not indulge so much in assertions and assumptions which have no foundation except in his own lively imagination.

Apologizing for the length of this letter, I am, Dear Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

JOHN R. WOLFE.

THE FAILURE OF W. NICOL & Co.

(Times of India.)

It is now more than a week since the news of the suspension of the City of Glasgow Bank fell like a bomb-shell among the commercial community at home and in

India. The crisis has so far been tided over at a lesser sacrifice than at one time was thought possible, and the money market is already regaining a healthier tone. What, however, the disaster lost in area, it may be said to have gathered in intensity. At present the only commercial failures precipitated by the suspension of this Scotch banking concern are the great houses of Smith, Fleming and Co. of London, the important corresponding firm of W. Nicol and Co. of Bombay, and a smaller branch establishment at Kurrachee. It is round the second of these firms that local interest is mainly centred; but while we are all glad to find that the disaster has extended no further, it would be unwise, and indeed it is impossible, to conceal the fact that with relation to this particular firm, the magnitude of the disaster, and the gross culpability that brought it about are almost unparalleled. At the first intimation of the disaster W. Nicol and Co. were compelled to suspend payment a generous and universal sympathy was expressed for the firm. But the publication of our telegram from London on Saturday, confirmed as it was by the information volunteered to the creditors last Tuesday, has completely altered the direction of that sympathy. A good deal of pity and commiseration is still expressed for the resident partners, one of whom had taken an active part in the social life of Bombay, and had endeared himself to a wide circle of acquaintances. They have, at all events, done all that was left them to do in relinquishing their private property, and in assigning over their business estate to their creditors. And it is perhaps best to consider them both as mere marionettes, who for the last few years have unwittingly served the disgraceful purposes of the astute gentlemen in England who pulled the wires. But for the firms of Smith, Fleming and Co., and W. Nicol and Co., it has become impossible to have any sort of pity or regret. "It should," says our local contemporary, "be mentioned in justice to Mr. Fleming—and we make the statement on the best authority—that he was anxious to stop payment in the year 1870, but that the directors of the City of Glasgow Bank, of whom his brother, James Fleming, was one, insisted that he should go on, and as they were even then his largest creditors, he yielded to their advice." This story, if really true, is one of the most monstrous we have ever read. One brother, who has the command of the fortunes of an unfortunate number of bank shareholders in Glasgow, persuades another brother, who has influence with all the creditable merchants in Bombay, to carry on a rotten business at the expense and risk of those unhappy people in order that an inevitable catastrophe may be postponed for eight years longer, and that until it does occur half a dozen comfortable gentlemen may live on good terms with the world. The shareholders of the City of Glasgow Bank may be left to take what steps they please. We were told in our telegram that the directors have advanced nearly six times their total capital to four firms, the reputation of one or two of which has been anything but good for some years back, and that while their deficit has been accumulating gradually until it has reached three millions sterling, the dividends have been as steadily increased. Under these circumstances we shall probably hear more of the management in the Scotch law courts. We, however, are only concerned in the part Mr. Fleming and his English partners have played in obtaining huge sums of money from an unwary Indian public, and it is nothing to us if they have contrived in the process to break the City of Glasgow Bank.

Bombay has evidently been used as a melting pot to convert an enormous amount of worthless paper into gold; and when the Bombay market was glutted, more of this paper was sent to Kurrachee on the one side, and to Colombo on the other, all these cities being so happily situated geographically, as to know very little about the affairs of the City of Glasgow Bank. It will be some time yet before we learn the full extent of the mischief, but in the somewhat involved balance sheets presented to Messrs. W. Nicol and Co.'s creditors the story of these City of Glasgow Bank bills is told with much openness and honesty:

Bills drawn and sold here under agreement with Messrs. Smith, Fleming & Co. Rs. 285,500 0 0

Ditto unaccepted 32,000 0 0

817,500 0 0

Bills drawn on "Colombo" to comply with the request of Smith, Fleming and Co.—

Sold here..... 89,000 0 0

Sent home..... 65,500 0 0

Ditto unaccepted 10,500 0 0

115,000 0 0

Bills drawn and sent home to Smith, Fleming & Co. at their request..... 848,466 0 0

Do. unaccepted 45,455 8 9

898,921 8 9

820,421 8 9

Or, to put it in another form, and for the sake of a rough comparison not affected by the balance sheet, in rupees and divided into "accepted" and "unaccepted" bills we have:—

Accepted bills drawn and sold here under agreement with Messrs. Smith, Fleming and Co.—

Rs. 285,500 0 0

Rs. 89,000 0 0

Rs. 65,500 0 0

Rs. 10,500 0 0

Rs. 115,000 0 0

Rs. 848,466 0 0

Rs. 45,455 8 9

Rs. 898,921 8 9

Rs. 820,421 8 9

Total..... 82 lakhs rupees.

In return for this enormous credit the directors of the City of Glasgow Bank were content, if the balance sheet presented on Tuesday may be trusted, to accept the following securities:—

814 Shares in the Carwar Co., Rs. 4,85,128

763 " " Mofussil Co., 26,841

Barges Stock, 2,667

Matheran Bungalow, 29,784

Rs. 4,97,990

That is in round numbers a deposit of apparently five lakhs has enabled Messrs. W. Nicol and Co. in connection with their London House to get credit for no less than fifty lakhs lakhs. Mr. Hamilton Maxwell,

who had the painful task of explaining these figures, and explained them with evident feeling, says his firm "simply complied with the request of Messrs. Smith, Fleming and Co. by placing any of their bills in the market." The bills sent home by mail were, as Messrs. Smith, Fleming and Co. expressed it in their letter of request, "to be used as required," that is, when Messrs. Smith, Fleming and Co. wanted more money they had this worthless paper, and these worthless names ready at hand. I cannot tell you, gentlemen, continued Mr. Maxwell, "what amount of those bills has been put in circulation; I am quite ignorant of it. We have telegraphed for the information, but have not yet had a reply. I believe that the Colombo bills are well secured by property in Colombo. I am advised to accept gentlemen, that a large amount of these bills, especially the Colombo bills and the bills sent home for use when required by Messrs. Smith, Fleming and Co., may possibly not come against our estate at all. Until we get certain information from London as the agreement between Messrs. Smith, Fleming and Co. and the City of Glasgow Bank we have no means of ascertaining whether those bills are a fair legitimate charge on our estate, or whether they are not. I am advised to state that, from the information before us, they are simply accommodation bills." And as a commercial bill is supposed to represent commercial value of some kind, an accommodation bill is merely its counterfeit. Mr. Hamilton Maxwell further added that his firm had never had any direct communication with the City of Glasgow Bank, but that all their arrangements with this Bank had been made with Messrs. Smith, Fleming and Co., and that the Bombay firm did not know how they stood with regard to these bills, nor had Messrs. Smith, Fleming and Co. now hastened to inform them. "Possibly," he thought, "the Colombo bills and the bills sent home, for use might not come in against Messrs. Nicol and Co.'s estate at all." Mr. Maxwell was naturally sanguine, but in the absence of positive agreement, the creditors of Messrs. Smith, Fleming and Co. are likely to see that the estate of that unlucky firm is not further burdened than the letter of the law allows. Again, we come to this important division into "accepted" and "unaccepted" bills. It is, we fear, not likely that any authority granted by the bank to anyone has not been exceeded, so that the unaccepted bills to the value of 9 lakhs will rank against the estate of the Bombay firm. As for the accepted bills it has been stated that the luckless shareholders of the City of Glasgow Bank, which is an unlimited concern, will eventually pay up in full. Eventually, yes! But if the holders of this paper are to know how long they may have to wait for their money, they have only to turn up the history of the Western Bank of Scotland from 1857 and onwards. In the meantime more than twenty eight lakhs worth of these bills are afloat in Bombay.

As to the actual state of affairs at present we cannot profess to understand them clearly from the balance-sheet presented to the meeting of creditors. The firm take the assets at thirty-two lakhs. They deduct nine lakhs for various liens and depreciation of stock, and that leaves, as they say, twenty-three lakhs of assets. And as

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POPPIES.

O ladies, softly fair,
Who curl and comb your hair,
And deck your dainty bodies, eve and morn,
With pearls and dainty dowers,
And knots of ribbons gay,
As if ye were for idleness only born,
Hearken to Wisdom's call:
What are ye, after all,
But flaunting poppies in among the corn?

Whose lives but part repeat;
Whose little dancing feet
Swim lightly as the silvery mists of morn
Whose pretty palms unclose
Like some fresh dewy rose,
For dainty dalliance, not for distaffs, born,
Hearken to Wisdom's call:
What are ye, after all,
But flaunting poppies in among the corn?

O women, and of face,
Whose crowns of girlish grace
Sin has plucked off and left ye all forlorn,
Whose pleasures do not please,
Whose hearts have no heart's ease,
Whose seeming honor is of honor shorn,
Hearken to Wisdom's call:
What are ye, after all,
But painted poppies in among the corn?

Women, to name whose name
All good men blush for shame,
And bad men even, with the speech of scorn:
Who have no sacred sight
For Vestal lamps so white,
Nor hearing for old Triton's wretched horn,
Hark to Wisdom's call:
What are ye, after all,
But poison poppies in among the corn?

Women who will not cease
From toil, nor be at peace
Either at purple eve or yellowing morn,
But drive with pitiless hand
Your ploughshares through the land
Quick with the lives of daisies yet unborn,
Hearken to Wisdom's call:
What are ye, after all,
But troublous poppies in among the corn?

Blighted with fretful looks
The tender-tasseled stocks—
Sweeping your wide floored barns, with sighs
About the unfilled grains
And starving hunger-pains
That on the morrow, haply, shall be borne—
Oh, hark to Wisdom's call:
What are ye, after all,
But forward poppies in among the corn?

O virgins, whose pure eyes
Hold commerce with the skies—
Whose lives lament that ever ye were born,
The cross whose joy to wear
Never the rose but only just the thorn,
Hearken to Wisdom's call:
What are ye, after all,
Better than poppies in among the corn?

What better? Who abuse
The gifts which women use,
With looks obscured off and bosoms scented
And torn,
Lapping your veils so white
Betwixt eve and the light,
Composed in heaven's sweet cisterns morn by morn,
Oh, hark to Wisdom's call:
What are ye, after all,
Better than poppies in among the corn?

O women, rare and fine,
Whose mouths are red with wine
Of kisses of your children, night and morn,
Whose ways are virtue's ways,
Whose good works are your praise,
Whose hearts hold nothing God has made in scorn—
Though Fame may never call
Your names, ye are, for all,
The Ruths that stand breast-high amid the corn!

Your steadfast love and sure
Makes all beside it poor;
Your ears like royal ornaments are worn;
Wise women! What so sweet,
So gently, so complete
To name ye by, since ever one was born?
Since she, whose poem calls
The sweetest of you all,
First gleaned with Boaz in among the corn!
—Argonaut.

FURNACES AND FIRESIDES.

Down in the cellar a servant we keep,
Who, whether we wake, or whether we sleep,
Gives us his services night and day.
A corpulent fellow he is, by the way,
But, though never known to get up from his seat,
He is usually found in a sweltering heat;
And all through the winter he keeps up a glow
In the rooms above from his lodgings below.
But he has a very peculiar whim,
For he needs a servant to wait upon him,
Who opens his mouth, and then shovels in
Some black gritty victuals we keep in a bin;
For a terrible feeder he is, you must know,
This cast-iron servant we keep below.
Between him and us it is well understood,
He serves us for nothing but lodging and food,
But it costs us more money than we can afford
To pay through the winter his lodging and board,
And if he's not fed he will sulk and will pout,
And without asking leave will be sure to go out!
But feed him, and tickle him under the ribs,
And he'll stick to his task, and will tell you no fibs.

Yet a heavy and taciturn fellow he is,
No matter how warm and well-fed he may be,
He says not a word, as he puffs up his heat
From the cellar, with plenty black victuals
To eat.
While we o'er the register throw out our feet,
But up in my study's a cousin of his
(A bright little talkative fellow he is)
As by his side—his servant and friend,
And many an evening together we spend,
How many dull hours his radiance beguiles!
How he looks in my eyes with his whippers
And smiles!
How he crackles and laughs when I throw
him a log,
How he seizes and licks it—as when to your dog
You throw down a bone—then brightens all
over,
While flickering shadows are thrown on the
floor,
And the andirons sparkle like steeples ablaze.

You might say—but somehow the metaphor
falls—
Like the dog he was wagging his little flame-
tail.
—H. J. L.

In the flash of the sunrise on warm summer
days;
And the cat on the rug sits purring, and
blinks
As the embers fall from the back-log's shanks.
How cosy my wood-fire makes the whole
room,
And leaves not a corner for sadness and
gloom!
How he flutters and sings, how he rolls up
his smoke!
How he sighs when I sigh—how he jokes
when I joke!
My wood-fire chirps to me like a wood-bird,
While my furnace below never utters a word.
Then shut up the register—give me the
tongs,
While I and my fireside carol our songs.

WHY A WOMAN CAN'T THROW A SPON.

The practice of a whole life will not enable
a woman to throw a stone with grace and
accuracy. It was one of the first and
most knotty physiological problems which
presented itself to our youthful mind—why
our big sister, when she tried to throw a
snowball at us, almost invariably sent it
careering over the top of the house, while
we, in turn, could pop her in the ear almost
every time. It may be that we took a mean
advantage of this discrimination of nature
in our behalf against our sister, and it may
be that we improved the opportunity to
take her fore and aft whenever she came
within firing distance. But that is neither
here nor there. As time passed on and we
increased our stock of observation, we saw
the other fellows' sisters labored under
about the same disadvantages that ours did
in the matter of throwing any kind of
missile. As near as we could generalize
their *modus operandi* of awkwardness—for
such we are compelled to call it—we found
that they swung back the arm over the head
with a nearly vertical motion, as though it
were hung by a door hinge on the top of
the shoulder, or much as we imagine the
old Roman catapult operated when firing
stones at the enemy's camp. When the arm
swung as far back as the hinge would allow,
it was brought forward with the same
vertical motion and with as much momentum
as the thrower could raise, and at some
undefined point in the air thus described,
the hand let go the missile. While execut-
ing this quick movement some girls jump
up a little way off their feet; others do not.
Some girls give a little feminine whoop,
or may be half whoop and half squeal; others
do not. Our sister jumped and whooped
both; but then she was a very bad thrower.
As we stated, at some undefined point in
the air described by the forward motion of
the arm, the missile flew off. Sometimes it
went up, sometimes it went down, and
sometimes it went sideways, but it never by
any manner of means hit the thing it was
intended to hit, jump or no jump, whoop
or no whoop.

Now, the point of difference between a
girl's throwing and a boy's we found to be
substantially this: The boy crooked his
elbow and reached back with the upper part
of his arm about at right angles with his
body, and the forearm at an angle of forty-
five degrees; the direct act of throwing was
accomplished by bringing the arm back
with a sort of snap, like the tail of a snake
or a whip lash, working every joint from
shoulder to wrist, and sometimes making
your elbow sting as though you had got a
wreak on the crazy bone. The girl throw
with her whole arm rigid, the boy with his
whole arm relaxed. Why this marked and
unmistakable difference existed we never
learned, until at a somewhat advanced
period we dived into a book of physiology,
and learned that the clavicle, or collar-
bone, in the anatomy of a female is some
inches longer, and set some degrees lower
down, than in the masculine frame. This
long, crooked, awkward bone interferes
with the full and free action of the shoulder,
and that's the reason why a girl cannot
throw a stone. The design of this sort of
thing is still unexplained to our entire
satisfaction. We have developed a theory
of our own, however, that an all-wise and
beneficent Providence, foreseeing that
there would be rolling-places and rolling-
books, and pot-luck, and hot water in the
world, set the woman's clavicle down a hitch
or two for the safety of men. It's lucky
for all of us that women cannot throw
stones.—*Philosophia Exchange.*

STEERING ORDERS.

The following letter has been addressed
to the *Pull Mail Gazette* by Mr. W. S. Lacon
Sigsbee. The story of "port" and "star-
board" is a very curious one, and now that
the subject of collisions is occupying the
attention of the country it will no doubt
receive requisite consideration. Forty
years ago, on the introduction of steam,
Sweden and Norway, in consequence of the
intricacy of their navigation, were obliged
to adopt the practice whereby the vessel of
command in steering should apply to the
ship's head, and not to the ship's stern.
A few years after this, a French man-of-war,
coming out of Christiania and with a Norwe-
gian pilot (France at that time following the
present practice of England), in consequence
of a misunderstanding of the steering order
was dashed at full speed upon the rocks.
The French then issued an order to their
navy to exercise in this matter care and dis-
cretion; and a French admiral, for some
years naval attaché to the French Embassy
in London, has stated that he never took
a pilot without immediately inquiring of him
how he understood the expressions port
and starboard (before at starboard). Things
ran on in this way for fifteen years, when,
in consequence of the stir which was being
made in the Scandinavian countries, the
French issued instructions to their navy to
follow the practice of Sweden and Norway;
but they did not issue the order to their
merchant service till four years afterwards;
therefore during this period their navy, in
obedience to the same order, was going one
way and their merchant service another.
About four years ago Norway and Sweden,
France, and Austria issued decrees, obliga-
tory on all their subjects, "that the motion
of the pilot's arm, the direction of the
ship's head, and the word of command shall
correspond." But this is directly the
reverse of the practice of England and in
these days of great and increasing interna-
tional communication, when English ships
are hourly going into foreign ports and
foreign ships coming into ours, and when,
moreover, the crews of ships are made up
of men of every nationality, it behooves us
to consider how the matter stands in Eng-
land, the greatest maritime country in the
world, and in Germany, with her infant
navy following in her wake.

About ten years ago the steamship *North
Star*, bound out to Norway, came down the
river Thames; it was a November evening,

just after dark, and the pilot and the captain
were on the bridge and the helmsman at the
stern, 150 feet apart. As she approached
the *Leichhardt*, a sailing ship full of emigrants
lying at anchor at the Nore about two
points on her starboard bow, the pilot
turned on the telegraph steering lamp,
green (green means starboard), and the
ship's head went to starboard, and ran into
the *Leichhardt*; and because the ship's head
went to the right when the pilot intended
that it should go to the left, he jumped to
the conclusion that the captain had tampered
with the telegraph lamp; so he knocked the
captain down, and the captain went below
and entered in the log that the pilot was
drunk. At the inquiry afterwards, held at
Greenwich, the helmsman swore that he
starboarded, but no one had the sense in
cross-examination to ask him what did he
starboard. Did he starboard the ship's
head, or did he starboard the ship's helm?
Similarly, in the collision between the
Alberta and the *Mistake*, the quartermaster
of the *Alberta* gave the following evidence:
"The order was given by the word of mouth,
the usual custom is by motion" (the order
"starboard" by word of mouth implying to
go to the left and "starboard" by motion
to go to the right), and no one asked him
what he meant. And, with regard to this
steering by motion, I went down to Sheerness
in a saloon steamer (I think the *Princess
Alice*), and I noticed that when the captain
pointed (indication of the finger) that the
ship's head went in the same direction; on
my return a week afterwards, from Ram-
sgate, I noticed that when the captain point-
ed, the ship's head went in a contrary direc-
tion; I expressed my great surprise at this,
and was told that the practice at sea and in
the river was different.

From the first the Germans have never
wavered in their finding that the cause of
the collision of their ironclads was a mis-
take in the steering order. On board the
North German steamer *Frankonia* there
were two pilots, an English pilot and a
French pilot. The English pilot had
charge of the ship, namely, from Grimby
to the South Sand Head Light; and when he
gave the order to "port," according to the
custom and practice of England, it im-
plied to go to the right. When the French
pilot had charge of the ship—namely, from
Dungeness to Havre—and he gives the
order to "port," according to the custom of
the French Government, it implies to go to
the left. During the interval, namely,
from the South Sand Head Light to Dun-
geness, the captain had charge, when the
Frankonia ran into the *Strathclyde*, in broad
daylight, both vessels going the same way.
In the rules applicable both to sea and river,
which have been twenty-eight times printed
with the Votes by order of the House of
Commons, I use the expressions "right"
and "left;" but the terms port and star-
board are so thoroughly engrained in the
nautical mind that they might still be re-
tained as law, provided they denoted right
and left. And as in no country can words
so distinctive as these for steering orders
be found, it is possible that in any con-
templated revision of the law, which must be
submitted to foreign countries, foreign
countries might be induced to adopt them
as for universal application and use, provided
the great advantage of doing so were pointed
out to them. But the cause of the late
accident is still under consideration, and
any observations with regard to the steering
and sailing rules must be left till after the
verdict.

THE STORY OF MEHMET ALI'S MURDER.

Salonica, Sept. 18.
The news of the untoward fate of the
gallant Mehmet Ali and his suite has
echoed you long ago by telegraph.
Although the catastrophe occurred eight
days since, no coherent statement of the
occurrences at Diakovo reached Salonica
until to-night. By this evening's train a
brother-in-law of Mehmet Ali, Edhem
Bey, and a wounded servant of the same
general, arrived from the interior, having
narrowly escaped in disguise. I hasten to
give you the substance of their verbal
report to the Governor here, as repeated
to me by that official almost immediately
after the interview.

When the decision of the Congress relative
to the cessions to the Principality and the
Austrian occupation was made known in
Southern Bosnia, the inhabitants—in
special the Ghega Albanians—were
in large numbers, and publicly declared
the incapacity of the government to protect
their rights. They then took a solemn oath of fraternity
for the defence of their country against all
aggression or change. This declaration was
drawn up in due form, and signed by all
who had taken the oath. Foremost among
the signers were three leading Albanian
chieftains—Abdullah Pasha, Baim Bey,
and Shaky Bey—men of great influence in
the country; indeed, Baim alone, it is
said, could command the services of 8,000
armed adherents. A few weeks ago Mehmet
Ali was despatched on a pacificatory mission
to Southern Bosnia and Albania. On
reaching Diakovo he had interviews with the
Albanians; and, perceiving their disaffec-
tion, he demanded to have his guard re-
inforced. Accordingly he received (whereas
not stated) a battalion—a battalion, how-
ever, under nominal strength. The eight
of these troops cooled the Albanians; and
so Mehmet Ali, retaining two companies
as his bodyguard, sent the rest into
quarters. He succeeded in convincing the
three chieftains above named of the useless-
ness of resistance, and they went over to
his side. Reconciliation was sealed by
Mehmet Ali taking up his quarters, with
his staff and escort, in the house of
Abdullah Pasha, a large house in the
middle of the town. But when the Al-
banians learned the defection of the three
chiefs they declared them traitors and
prepared to take vengeance on them, a
course in which they were abetted by the
town population, which includes 16,000
Muslims. Although their anger was
mainly directed against their own leaders,
they had a distinct grudge against Mehmet
Ali. During a disturbance at Diakovo
some years back a Hungarian commander,
Mahmud Pasha, treated the townspeople
with great cruelty. They believed Mehmet
Ali to be also a Hungarian and in league
with the Austrians. Moreover, as a for-
eigner, they threw on him all the odium of
the concessions of the Congress.

On Wednesday, September 4, a detach-
ment of Albanians, incited by the town-
people, surrounded the barracks, and, hav-
ing cut off the water supply, summoned
the troops to surrender. The garrison, the
promised liberty to the rank and file on con-
dition of their delivering up their officers.
The men agreed, and some officers—number
not known—were killed; the rest escaped
disguised as peasants. Meanwhile, 10,000,

or, according to Edhem Bey 12,000, Al-
banians surrounded the house of Abdullah
Pasha, and opened a heavy fire, to which
the inmates (including two companies of
infantry) replied. This went on for two
days. By Friday, however, the little garri-
son had expended its ammunition, and was
reduced in numbers by upwards of sixty
persons—namely, several officers, forty
soldiers, and twenty servants. In the
strait, the remainder of the rank and file
laid down their arms and surrendered to
the Albanians; some of the officers escap-
ing in the uniform of their men. This was
on Friday afternoon. Meanwhile some of
the Albanians had mounted a neighbouring
minaret, from which they were able to take
clear aim into the schamlik where Mehmet
Ali and his staff were; at the same time
they set fire to the opposite (the harem) end
of the house, whence the women had, for-
tunately, been removed. The well-directed
fire from the mosque and the increasing
heat and smoke finally drove Mehmet Ali
and his companions, about 3 P.M., to take
refuge in an adjoining tower. Now, this
tower had a separate entrance, unguarded,
and the door was unlocked. The fire, and
the smoke, now spread to the tower, and
made it untenable; when Mehmet Ali
exclaimed, "At last let me have a soldier's
death!" and rushing down met the Al-
banians swarming in. He immediately fell,
riddled with bullets. The Albanians did
not at once discover all the refugees; but
Abdullah Pasha, having been wounded in
the leg, was easily secured. They took
him to the top of the tower and dashed
him down into the street below. As the
body fell it was the mark of scores of
muskets, and reached the ground fright-
fully, unrecognizably disfigured. The mal-
contents now sought out Baim and
Shaky, and put them also to death. Fore-
most among the assailants were the most
trusted adherents of the three chieftains.
The Albanians continued to discharge their
fire on the dead bodies. That of Mehmet
Ali is stated (probably at random) to have
received 200 bullets before burial. He was
interred the same day. During the whole
affair the Governor of Diakovo made no
attempt to assist the besieged, or even
(apparently) to give an alarm to the nei-
ghbouring districts; although Diakovo is only
six hours from Prizrend and nine from
Prishtina, the latter a railway as well as
telegraph station.—*Pull Mail Gazette.*

THE FRESH AIR.

"It's indoors, sir, as kills half the people;
being indoors three parts of the day, and
next to that taking too much drink and
eat. Eating's a bad as drinking; and
there ain't nothing like fresh air and the
smell of the woods. You should come out
here in the spring, when the oak timber is
thrown because, you see, the sap be rising,
and the bark strips them, and just sit down
on a stick fresh peeled—I means a trunk,
you know—and sniff up the scent of that
there oak bark. It goes right down your
throat, and preserves your lungs, as the tan
do. And I've heard say as folk who work
in the tan-yards never have no illness.
There's always a smell from trees, dead or
living—I could tell what wood a log was in
the dark by my nose, and the air is better
where the woods be. The ladies up in the
great houses sometimes goes out into the
plantations—the turpentine scent's strong,
you see—and they say it's good for the
chest; but, bless you, you must live in the
pine forests to cure 'em: I say these here
oaks have got over his as much good in
that way. I never eat but two meals a day
—breakfast and supper; what you would
call dinner—and maybe in the middle of the
day a bunch of dry bread and an apple.
I take a deal for breakfast, and I'm rather
lean (hungry) at supper; but you may lay
your oath that's why I'm what I am in the
way of health. People stuffs themselves,
and by consequence it breaks out, you see.
It's the same with cattle; they're overfed,
tied up in stalls and stuffed, and never no
exercise, and mostly oily food too. It
stands to reason they must get bad; and
that's the real cause of these here rinder-
pests and pleuro-pneumonias and what-nots.
At least that's my notion. I'm in the woods
all day, and never comes home till supper-
—cept, of course, in breeding time, to fetch
the meal and stuff for the birds—so I get
the fresh air, you see; and the fresh air is
the life, sir. There's the smell of the earth,
too—specially just as the plough turns it
up—which is a fine thing; and the hedges
and the grass are as sweet as sugar leaf is
a shower. Anything with a green leaf is the
thing, depend upon it, if you want to live
healthy."—*Gamekeeper at Home.*

THE AUSTRALIAN CRICKETING CAMPAIGN IN ENGLAND.

(Melbourne Argus)

Now that the Australian Eleven have
played their last English match a fitting
opportunity occurs for reviewing a series of
remarkable and interesting games. When
the team was formed it was confidently
anticipated that our representative cricketers
would give a good account of themselves,
and expectation has not been disappointed.
On the contrary, Mr. Gregory and his
colleagues have done better than there was
any reason to hope for, and the Australian
community would have been perfectly
satisfied if they had obtained a much more
moderate measure of success. This as con-
cerns the actual results of the matches. As
to the popularity the Australians have en-
joyed, and the fame they have won, noth-
ing of the sort was ever thought of. That
their play would be commended, and that
they would be favorably received, was in
the natural course of things; but that the
whole cricketing world of Great Britain
would be disturbed and its enthusiasm
excited by the performances of the team
could scarcely have entered into the dreams
of the most ardent of their admirers. Yet
so it was. The appearance of the Australians
alters the whole aspect of the cricketing
season, and a welcome freshness was im-
parted to the game. The bowling power
of the Eleven was the chief agent. As an
influential London paper said, the interest
in cricket as a spectacle had been slightly
on the wane of late years. The principal
matches might almost be said to have
"resolved themselves into contests between
the Graces and the bowlers of the north."
And as the batsmen nearly always had the
best of it, there was a monotony about the
play which was somewhat wearisome. But
the Australians "changed all that." In
the matches with which they commenced
their series of surprising victories, the
batting instead of overpowering the bow-
ling, was itself subdued, and Spofforth and
Boyle became for a time masters of the
situation. In subsequent contests this
novel aspect of affairs underwent some

modification, but still the bowling element
always asserted itself, and the havoc created
amongst the English wickets by the "demon
bowler" will be remembered long after
Bannerman's magnificent score of 133, and
Bailey's little less splendid innings of 106,
have been forgotten. Grace is for a time
in the shade, and Spofforth is the hero of
the cricket-field. In the annals of the
English game, 1878 will be known as "the
Australian season."
But our readers would probably like to
be guided to some mature conclusion as to
how our cricketers have come out of the
series of contests just concluded, and a
summary of the three months' doings of
the team will doubtless be acceptable to
them. In the first place it is only fair to
remark that the Australians labored under
two disadvantages. At an early stage of
their visit they lost Midwinter, and were
thus deprived of the advantage of having a
12th man to take the place of any member
of the Eleven who might be temporarily
disabled, as A. Bannerman was for several
weeks. Then the matches were so in-
considerately arranged that the players had
no opportunity to recover from one place of
hard work before they were plunged into
another contest, the result being that
"staleness," the *bête-noire* of athletes,
became inevitable. This influence un-
doubtedly accounts for more than one
reverse. The mistake was discovered when
it was too late, and Mr. Conway wished to
abandon some of the minor matches, but
there was such a *furore* to see the Australian
cricketers that he was held to every one of
his engagements. The physical endurance
of the Eleven was severely tried. It fre-
quently happened that at the conclusion of
a match a rush had to be made for a train,
and a night's railway travelling undertaken
preparatory to a new contest in some
distant town. But, thanks to their careful
and regular habits, our men, though at
times terribly fatigued, were never de-
moralized. The handicap, however, was
against them, and their success under such
circumstances entitles them to all the more
credit.

Let us now go a little into figures. It
will be seen from a table which is given be-
low that the Eleven played in all thirty-six
matches, of which they won eighteen and
lost seven, while eleven were drawn, the
game in nine cases closing in their favour.
Seventeen of the matches were played
against eleven, all of them of the first rank
excepting one—the town club of Hall—and
in this match the local team was strength-
ened by five professional players selected
from Derbyshire, Nottingham, and Yorkshire.
Of these seventeen matches, the Australians
won nine and lost four, while four were
drawn, all but one favourably to the pro-
spects of the visitors. Against teams of
eighteen and twenty-two there were nineteen
contests, in which the Australians scored
nine victories and sustained only three de-
feats, while out of seven drawn games all
but one were decidedly in their favour.
Supposing all the matches to have been
carried to a termination, the account, reckon-
ing casualties and probabilities, would have
stood thus:—Games won, 27; lost, 9.
These results are something remarkable,
but the details must be examined in order
to arrive at a proper estimation of the
process of our men. Against district teams
of 18 or 22 they were simply irresistible,
even when outside aid was sought. For
example, they had very much the best of it
against the Birmingham Twenty-two, al-
though the home team were assisted by
Jupp and Barrett, the well-known Surrey
professionals, while the Longsight Eleven
won a narrow victory with the help of G.
F. Grace and Gilbert, who did nearly all
the scoring. Stockport was easily beaten,
although Mr. W. R. Gilbert, of Gloucester-
shire, and Macintyre, the professional
bowler, were brought in to strengthen the
eighteen. Against English county eleven
the Australians certainly more than held
their own. It is true that they were beaten
easily by Nottingham, but this match was
soon after they landed, and they were not
in form. Yorkshire was beaten by six
wickets (though in the return match, the
tables were turned), Surrey by five wickets
Sussex by seven wickets, and Middlesex by
ninety-eight runs. The victory against Leice-
stershire was still more decisive. This was a
remarkable match. The Australians in their
second innings wanted 208 runs to get to tie,
and the prospect of winning seemed distant;
O. Bannerman and Horan, however, treated
the spectators to a magnificent display of
hitting, and 200 runs were scored without
the loss of a wicket. Bannerman was then
run out for 133, and with the loss of another
wicket the game was won. It was in play-
ing against the Gentlemen of England and
the Cambridge University that the Austrians
lost more than their match. It seemed
strange that, in a fortnight after the
memorable Marylebone contest, in which
one of the strongest teams that could be
got together in England, including W. G.
Grace and three of the best professional
bowlers, were completely overpowered—the
greatest cricketing surprise ever witnessed
in England—the Australians should suffer a
disastrous defeat by the Gentlemen of Eng-
land playing a team which could scarcely be
said to be superior to that of the M.C.C.
But our men had been overworked, and the
ground, owing to the rain, was in such a
state that, according to the English papers
themselves, true cricket had not a fair
chance. As to the Cambridge match, there
is no doubt that in this our men were fairly
and soundly beaten; but their antagonists
were exceptionally strong. The opposing
team was such as no university had ever
got together before. Cambridge had played
eight matches previously during the season,
and had never been beaten. They were in
fine form, whereas it is acknowledged by the
Pull Mail Gazette that "the Australians
came as a disadvantage, constant play and
travelling having told on several members
of their Eleven." It may be added that A.
Bannerman was suffering from an injured
hand, and though he played he was of little
service to his side. In these two contests,
then, the Australians suffered decisive de-
feats; but against Gloucestershire and
the Gentlemen of England (match No. 2)
they regained their laurels. Gloucestershire,
through having the Graces in its ranks, had
for years been regarded as the strongest
county of all, but its picked eleven were
beaten by the visitors by 10 wickets. It is
curious that in none of the matches against
the Australians have the Graces scored well,
and their absence from the Gentlemen's
team on the second occasion can scarcely be
reckoned as a disadvantage to the English-
men. The Gentlemen played, in fact, a
very strong team, and although the game
was drawn, the honors remained with Au-
stralia. With regard to the matches against
the Players, it must be acknowledged that
in the first our men met a poor team, which
they barely defeated; but in the second
they encountered, according to the tele-

grams, eleven of the "best professionals in
England." This game was not completed,
but the play was very greatly in favour of
Australia. Considering fairly all the re-
sults, the following conclusions are arrived
at:—The Australians were strong enough
to defeat easily any district team. Against
the Players of England they more than held
their own, while in the contests with the
county eleven, as a rule, came off best. The
amateurs were always formidable antago-
nists, and were sometimes quite invincible;
but from the form shown by our men against
Gloucestershire and in the second Genti-
lemen's match, it is impossible to say how the
account would stand after a long series of
matches. On the whole, it may be said
that the credit of Australia has been amply
sustained by her cricketing champions,
whose achievements will be long remem-
bered at both ends of the world.

The following table gives the result of all
the matches played by the Australians in
Great Britain:—

Date	Opposing Team	Won by
May 29	Nottingham	Nottingham, in 1 innings
June 1	Marylebone Club and Ground	Australians, by 9 wickets
June 8	Yorkshire	Australians, by 6 wickets
June 15	Surrey	Australians, by 5 wickets
June 18	18 of Epsom	Australians, by 21 runs
June 20	18 of Basingstoke	Drawn owing to rain
June 22	18 of Longsight	Longsight, by 2 wickets
June 24	18 of Gloucestershire	Gloucestershire, by 10 wickets
June 26	18 of Middlesex	Australians, by 8 runs
June 28	22 of Birmingham	Drawn owing to rain
June 30	18 of Gloucestershire	Drawn
July 1	Yorkshire, 2nd match	Yorkshire, by 9 wickets
July 3	18 of Stockport	Australians, by 143 runs
July 5	C. F. Thornton's Eleven	Australians, by 10 runs
July 7	18 of Swansea	Australians, in 1 in. and 38 runs
July 9	18 of Oldham	Drawn
July 11	18 of Lancashire	Lancashire, by 8 wickets
July 13	18 of Hull	Australians, by 10 wickets
July 15	Cambridge University	Cambridge, in 1 in. and 73 runs
July 17	18 of Derby	Australians, by 100 runs
July 19	18 of Leicestershire	Australians, by 7 wickets
Aug. 1	18 of Bedfordshire	Drawn owing to rain
Aug. 3	22 of Exeter	Drawn
Aug. 5	18 of Liverpool	Australians, in 1 in. and 71 runs
Aug. 7	18 of Lancashire	Drawn owing to rain
Aug. 9	18 of Lancashire	Drawn
Aug. 11	18 of Yorkshire	Australians, by 4 runs
Aug. 13	18 of Gloucestershire	Australians, in 1 in. and 68 runs
Aug. 15	18 of Gloucestershire	Australians, by 73 runs

Australia won eighteen matches and lost
seven; eleven were drawn, nine in favor of
Australia. The mark indicates that the
game was drawn in favor of Australia, and
in favor of the home team.

POPULAR DELUSIONS ABOUT THE AFGHAN WAR.

To the Editor of the *Pull Mail Gazette*.—
Sir, Lord Carnarvon is reported to have
said, in his recent speech at Liverpool, that
a British "army" had been destroyed in
Afghanistan. It may be useful, therefore,
to say that the "army" in question con-
tained exactly one European battalion and
a couple of batteries of European artillery,
and amounted altogether, Europeans and
natives, to what would, according to Con-
tinental ideas, make up an ordi- nized
brigade.

The troops which occupied Afghanistan,
taken altogether, did not make up an
"army," but only a single division of three
brigades; and Afghanistan was not, as the
Daily News styles him to-day, its
commander-in-chief, but simply a major
general commanding a division. One of
these brigades was destroyed, not in open
fight, but under circumstances brought
about by a combination of cowardice, inde-
cision, and stupidity on the part of its
leaders such as happily has never been
exhibited by British officers either before
or since. The other two brigades at Can-
dahar and Jellalabad held their ground
with perfect ease and small loss. And why
does Lord Carnarvon stop at this point of
his story, and why does Mr. Baxter, in his
speech at Bervie, propose that a certain
should be drawn across the scene, as if
the rest of the story would not be telling?
The Afghan war did not end with the
destruction of the Cabul brigade, or even
with the subsequent defence of Jellalabad
and Candahar. The country was reconquered
by our troops in the following autumn,
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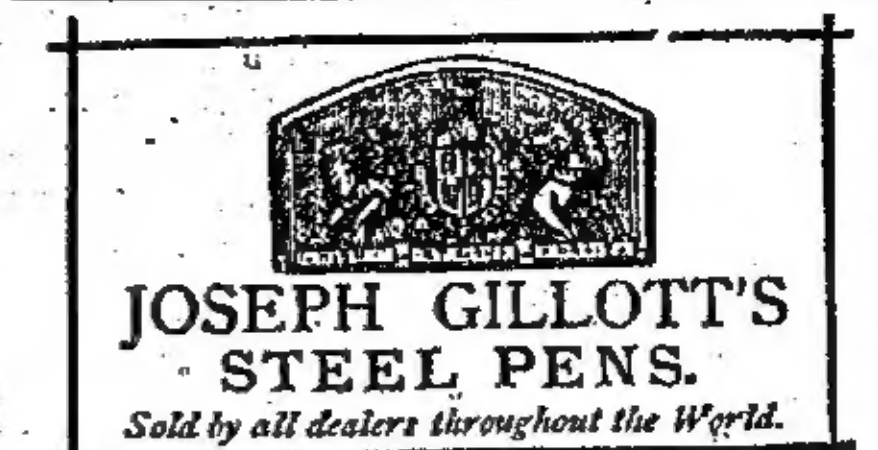
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"LET ME LIKE A SOLDIER FALL."
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"TURN ON OLD TIME."
LAST NIGHT OF
"SAINTED MOTHER."
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"O MARITANA."
LAST NIGHT OF
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ARRIVALS.

Nov. 9, Douglas, British steamer, 864,
G. D. Pitman, Foochow Nov. 6, Amoy 7,
and Swatow 8. General.—DOUGLAS LA-
PRAKE & Co.

Nov. 9, Diamante, British steamer, 514,
E. Thebaud, Manila Nov. 6, General.—
RUSSSELL & Co.

Nov. 9, Fuyew, Chinese steamer, from
Canton.

Nov. 9, Ningpo, British steamer, from
Canton.

Nov. 9, Albay, British steamer, 366, F.
Ashton, Hoikow Nov. 7, General.—DOUGLAS
LAPRAKE & Co.

Nov. 9, U. S. S. Alert, 541, Robert Boyd,
Amoy Oct. 22.

Nov. 9, Johann Friedrich, German brig,
242, A. H. Kriekow, Nagasaki Oct. 31,
Rice.—WIELER & Co.

Nov. 9, Wodan, German bark, 439,
A. W. Moeger, Bidad Oct. 22, Salt.—
WIELER & Co.

Nov. 9, Lulu, British 3-m. schooner, 378,
Maber, Newchwang Oct. 19, and Amoy
Nov. 6, General.—MABER.

Nov. 9, Elizabeth Childs, British bark,
391, C. E. Knibbergh, Newchwang Oct. 28,
Beane.—WIELER & Co.

Nov. 9, Emily Chapin, British ship, 733,
G. E. Harris, Cardiff June 14, Coal.
—MESSIGER'S MARITIME.

Nov. 9, Fanny, French bark, 314, E.
M. Gouyon, Swatow Nov. 8, 6 p.m., Bal-
last.—LANDSTEIN & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Nov. 9, India, for Maximilones.

9, Borneo, for Callao.

9, Hammonia, for Yokohama.

9, Pandur, for London.

9, Anton Gunther, for Bangkok.

9, U. S. S. Ranger, for Nagasaki.

9, Vesta, for Amoy.

CLEARED.

Deucalion, for Singapore, &c.

Charlton, for Sydney, &c.

Yotung, for Swatow.

Conquest, for Hoikow, &c.

Channel Queen, for Chefoo.

R. M. Hayward, for Saigon.

Emulation, for Nagasaki.

Iphigenia, for Amoy.

Fuyew, for Shanghai.

Ningpo, for Shanghai.

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ARRIVED.

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Manson, child and maid, Mrs. O'Malley,
Rev. C. Rutherford, Capt. Colling, Dr.
Brereton, Mr. Pavensiedt, 10 Europeans
deck, and 211 Chinese.

Per Diamante, from Manila, Mrs. A. G.
Morris and 2 children, Miss Hall, Messrs
Chas. E. Hay, A. G. Morris, W. Munz,
Mrs. Gordon, 7 Europeans deck, and 266
Chinese.

Per Albay, from Hoikow, 70 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Yesso, for Amoy, Mr. K. A. Tompkins.

Per Hammonia, for Yokohama, 8 Chi-
nese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Douglas reports:
Left Foochow Nov. 6th, Amoy 7th, and
Swatow 8th. Had light variable winds to
Amoy. From thence fresh morning and
cloudy. Passed H. M. S. Swinger near
Sharp Peak Point bound towards Foochow,
and S. S. Yesso off Tongat Point. In
Foochow: str. Glenfallach, Takueu, and
Europe. In Amoy: str. Chang-Hock-Kiam
and Braemar Castle. In Swatow: str.
Olympia, Karo, and Swatow.

The British steamer Diamante reports:
Fine weather throughout the passage.

The British steamer Albay reports:
Left Hoikow 7th Nov., having experienced
fresh North-easterly winds and fine wea-
ther throughout.

The British 3-masted schooner Lulu re-
ports: Fair weather up to 23th Oct., from
thence to Amoy heavy Northerly gale with
high sea, from Amoy to port light N.E.
breeze and pleasant weather.

The British ship Elizabeth Childs reports:
Oct. 8th, spoke Annie Fish (American) from

New York to Shanghai, lat. 37 N., long.
119.44 E., Nov. 2nd, 1. L. Q. P. (American)
from New York to Shanghai, 145 days out,
in lat. 19.58 N., long. 120.10 E.
The French bark Fanny reports:
Light winds throughout the passage.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—
For HOIHOW and HAIPHONG, (with
Mails for Pakhoi and Hanoi)—
Per Conquest, at 9 a.m. To-morrow, the
10th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per Ningpo, at 9 a.m. To-morrow, the
10th inst.

For FUYEW, at 9 a.m. To-morrow, the
10th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—
Per Java, at 1.30 p.m., on Monday, the
11th inst.

For BANGKOK.—
Per Danube, at 3.30 p.m., on Monday,
the 11th inst., instead of as previously
notified.

For AMOY.—
Per Diamante, at 4.30 p.m., on Monday,
the 11th inst.

For YOKOHAMA.—
Per Glenroy, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday,
the 12th inst.

For HOIHOW (AND PAKHOI).—
Per Albay, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the
12th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHEW.—
Per Douglas, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the
12th inst.

For SAIGON.—
Per Quarta, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the
12th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, AND
CALCUTTA.—
Per Japan and Venice, at 2.30 p.m., on
Thursday, the 14th inst.

For YOKOHAMA & SAN FRANCISCO.—
Per City of Peking, at 2.30 p.m., on
Saturday, the 16th inst., instead of
as previously notified.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, November 9, 1878.
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credit, —

" Old Patna, cash, 557
credit, —

" New Benares, cash, 587
credit, —

" Old Benares, cash, 537
credit, —

" New Malwa, cash, 780
credit, 785

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" Old Malwa, cash, —
" credit, —

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" credit, —

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 3/2
" 30 days' sight, ... 3/8
" 6 months' sight, ... 3/9

Credits, ... 5/9
Documentary, 6 months' sight, ... 5/9
Bombay, demand Rupee, ... 22 1/2
Calcutta, ... 72 1/2
Shanghai, ... 72 1/2

Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ... 104 1/2 nom.
Sycee, ... 109 1/2
Mexicans, ... 1 1/2 c.
Gold Leaf, 99 1/2 fine, ... 27.70
English Sovereigns, ... 5.88
Australian Sovereigns, ... 5.88

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 73 1/2 prem.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,700
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,550
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., \$1,720
Chinese Insurance Co., \$402 1/2
North China Ins. Co., \$1,250
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Shanghai Steam Navigation, \$14
China Coast S. Nav. Co., \$18
Hongkong Gas Co., \$97 1/2
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65
China Sugar Refining Co., \$160
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$109
Do. of 1877, \$108

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises,
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HONGKONG, November 9, 1878.

BAROMETER—9 a.m. ... 30.160
Do. 1 p.m. ... 30.120
Do. 4 p.m. ... 30.120

THERMOMETER—9 a.m. ... 72
Do. 1 p.m. ... 73
Do. 4 p.m. ... 78

Do. (Wet bulb) 9 a.m. ... 68
Do. Do. 1 p.m. ... 68
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MEMOS FOR TOMORROW.
RELIGIOUS SERVICES:—

St. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.—The Right
Reverend Bishop Burdon; The Revd.
R. Hayward Kidd, Colonial Chaplain.
Morning Service 11, Evening 4. Holy
Communion on the first Sunday in the month.

Military Service.—Rev. J. Henderson,
acting Military Chaplain. At 8 a.m.
Morning Prayer, &c. Holy Communion
on the third Sunday in the month.

Union Church.—Morning Service, at
11 a.m. Afternoon, 6 p.m.—Divine Service
in Chinese, 2-3 p.m. every Sunday, with
communion on first Sunday of every month.
—Rev. Dr. Eidel.

St. PETER'S BRAHMIN CHURCH.—Rev.
J. Henderson, Service at 5 p.m., every
Sunday. All seats free. Morning Prayer
and Communion on the first Sunday in
each month at 11 a.m.

St. STEPHEN'S MISSION CHURCH.—Rev.
A. B. Hutchinson, and Rev. Lo Sam
Yuen, (All Services in Chinese.) Morning
Prayer—Liturgy, Ante-Communion,
and Sermon at 11 a.m. Bible Class, at 8
p.m. Preaching, at 6.30 p.m. Holy Com-
munion, 1st Sunday in Chinese month.

BERLIN FORTHROP HOUSE.—Services in
the German language, by Rev. W. Louis,
every Sunday, at half-past ten a.m., in
the Chapel of the Berlin Fording House,
West Point.

Shipping.

19 a.m.—Ningpo leaves for Shanghai.

MEMOS FOR MONDAY.

Auctions.

1 p.m.—Sale of Kerosene Oil, at Messrs
Landstein & Co.'s Godown, Wanchai.

3 p.m.—Sale of Kerosene Oil, at Messrs
Davis & Co.'s Godown, Wanchai.

Shipping.

2 p.m.—Java leaves for Singapore, &c.

5 p.m.—Diamante leaves for Amoy.

5 p.m.—Emuy leaves for Amoy, &c.
Goods per Flintshire undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

Meeting.

2.30 p.m.—Meeting of the Legislative
Council.

Amusement.

9 p.m.—Theatrical Performance by the
Band of the 74th, at the Garrison
Theatre.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, November 12:—
3 p.m.—Glenroy leaves for Yokohama, &c.

WEDNESDAY, November 13:—
Daylight.—Douglas leaves for Coast Ports.
Daylight.—Albay leaves for Hoikow.

THURSDAY, November 14:—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of
Call and Europe.
3 p.m.—Japan and Venice leave for
Singapore, &c.
Goods per Glenroy undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, November 16:—
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yoko-
hama and San Francisco.

MONDAY, December 2:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San
Francisco on or about this date.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, NOV. 9, 1878.

THE Chinese Government not only pur-
sue a hypocritical course in regard to the
cultivation of opium—fulminating edicts
against the growth of the poppy on the
one hand, while they wink at the exist-
ence of poppy fields on the other—but
they adopt an equally contemptible policy
in regard to opium smoking. It is made
a grave offence for a Chinese mandarin
to indulge in the "poisonous drug," but, as
a matter of fact, the bulk of the officials
in China do indulge in it, and are cer-
tainly not deterred from doing so by any
fear of infringing the law. Occasionally,
however, apparently for the purpose of
"keeping up appearances," we hear of
some unfortunate official being brought
to punishment ostensibly on account of
his attachment to the pipe. It is prob-
able that in the majority of such instan-
ces the pipe has nothing at all to do with
his punishment, the charge of opium-
smoking being a convenient excuse for
enabling superior officials to mark their
displeasure on inferior ones. A case,
apparently of this nature, has received
attention in the Peking Gazette of late.

About eight months ago, according to
the records appearing from time to time
in the Gazette, one Tseng Shan-hun, a
cavaliered magistrate, petitioned the court
of Censors, representing that he had been
the victim of an unjust denunciation in
regard to opium smoking. His story was
that, having received an appoint-
ment, he went to Nanking to pay his
respects to the Governor General. Two
months afterwards he read in the Gazette
that the Governor General had applied
for his dismissal on the ground that he
was infected with the vice of opium
smoking. Having petitioned the court
of Censors against his dismissal and
challenged an investigation as to his
alleged opium smoking proclivities, his
petition was referred to the Throne, and
in due course a decree appeared request-
ing that the petitioner should be sent to
Kiangsu, where the Governor would
ascertain whether he was really affected
with the vice of opium smoking or not.

The result of this investigation has re-
cently appeared in a decree in the Peking
Gazette, and is of a rather extraordinary
nature. The Governor reports that
"upon summoning the ex-magistrate
before him he found that he was not
infected with a craving for opium, but
he discovered incontestible proof of his
having been engaged in the sale of the
drug." Having thus been satisfactorily
established that the man had done

something wrong, the imperial decree,
after referring to the audacity of the
appellant in venturing, under such cir-
cumstances, to remonstrate against the
justice of his earlier punishment, severely
censures him, and orders him to be fur-
ther punished by banishment to the mil-
itary post roads, there to expiate his
crime by breaking stones, or some other
equally interesting work. It is quite
possible that the greatest offence com-
mitted by the man was neglecting to
exhibit a proper feeling of thankfulness
in the shape of valuable presents on the
occasion of his visit to Nanking to pay
his respects to the officials there.
Anyway, the charge of opium smoking
on which he was cashiered having been
disproved, even the "celestial" sense of
justice might have recognised the prop-
riety of acknowledging his vindication
of himself by something a little more
agreeable than penal servitude for life.

Majesty mounts the Throne clad in a
"sombre garment," 素衣, which is de-
scribed as being "actually black." The ar-
minale are ranged in two categories, the
"sombre" and the "bright," or "with exten-
uating" and "without extenuating" cir-
cumstances respectively. The Emperor sel-
dom ticks off one of the former class, but
as many of each class as His Majesty puts
his pen through are executed. If one of
the former category is "pas-ed" for three
successive years, his sentence ipso facto et
jure becomes commuted to exile.

The term 便宜行事, applied to
themselves by the Foreign Ministers, in
China seems really to contain within it the
idea of "

POSTAL RATES.

[Subjoined we give the postal rates now in force for transmission of correspondence to all parts of the world. Detailed rules affecting the transmission of packets, parcels, &c., will be found annexed, together with a number of miscellaneous and useful notices.]

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised June 7th, 1878.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters, per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

N.B. means No Registration.

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, the United States, Canada, Brazil, India (including Ceylon, the Straits, and Aden), Japan, Egypt, Labuan, Mauritius, Seychelles, Jamaica, Trinidad, British Guiana, and Bermuda, with all French, Danish, Netherlands, Portuguese, and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are: the Australasian Group, Africa (except French, &c. Colonies), Newfoundland and Central America.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route:—
Letters, 12 cents per ½ oz.
Registration, 8 cents each.
Newspapers, 2 cents each.
Books and Patterns, 4 cents per 2 oz.

Exceptional rates, to the United Kingdom and Union Countries served through the United Kingdom via Brindisi only:—

Letters, 16 cents per ½ oz.
Registration, 8 cents.
Newspapers, 4 cents each.
Books and Patterns, 6 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

W. Africa, Falkland Islands, Lagos, Gold Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Cape Verde Islands:—

Letters, 22 cents
Registration, 12 cents
Newspapers, 4 cents
Books & Patterns, 8 cents

Arquipelago (N.B.), Bahamas, Guatemala (N.B.), Hayti (N.B.), Mexico (N.B.), Panama (N.B.), Salvador (N.B.), and Venezuela (N.B.):—

Letters, 16 cents
Registration, None
Newspapers, 4 cents
Books & Patterns, 6 cents

Bolivia, Chili, Ecuador, and Peru:—

Letters, 30 cents
Registration, 4 cents
Newspapers, 6 cents
Books & Patterns, 10 cents

Hawaiian Kingdom (N.B.), New Zealand:—

Letters, 16 cents
Registration, 12 cents
Newspapers, 4 cents
Books & Patterns, 8 cents

W. Indies, (except as above) Costa Rica, Honduras, Monte Video, New Granada, and Nicaragua:—

Letters, 34 cents
Registration, 4 cents
Newspapers, 8 cents
Books & Patterns, 10 cents

Letters, by Contract Packet 24; by Private Ship 12; Registration, 12; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 4.

* A small extra charge is made on delivery.

Correspondence for the West Indies (except those belonging to the Postal Union, the Bahamas, and Hayti), for Costa Rica, Honduras, Monte Video, New Granada, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent via San Francisco.

LOCAL AND TOWN POSTAGE.

Within any Town or Settlement, or between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao, in either direction:—
Between any other two of the following places (through a British Office) viz.—Hongkong, Macao, Ports of China, and Japan, Bangkok, Saigon, and the Philippines, by Private Ship:—
Between the above by Contract Mail:—

Any publication fulfilling the conditions hereafter named can pass as a newspaper.

The conditions are as follows:—
1st. The publication must consist wholly or in great part of political or other news, or of articles relating thereto, or to other current topics, with or without advertisements.
2nd. It must be published in numbers at intervals of not more than 31 days, and

must be printed on a sheet or sheets unstitched.
3rd. The full title and date of publication must be printed at the top of the first page, and the whole or part of the title and the date of publication at the top of every subsequent page; and this regulation applies to Tables of Contents and Indices.

4th. A supplement must consist wholly or in great part of matter like that of a newspaper, or of advertisements, printed on a sheet or sheets, or a piece or pieces of paper, unstitched; or wholly or in part of engravings, prints, or lithographs illustrative of articles in the newspaper. The supplement must in every case be published with the newspaper, and must have the title and date of publication of the newspaper printed at the top of every page; or, if it consists of engravings, prints, or lithographs, at the top of every sheet or side.

A packet containing two or more newspapers is not chargeable with a higher rate of postage than would be chargeable on a book packet of the same weight.

The postage must be prepaid either by an adhesive stamp, or by the use of a stamped wrapper.

Every newspaper must be posted either without a cover (in which case it must not be fastened, whether by means of gum, wafer, sealing wax, postage stamp, or otherwise) or in a cover entirely open at both ends, so as to admit of easy removal for examination. If this rule be infringed the newspaper is treated as a letter.

Every newspaper must be so folded, as to admit of the title being readily inspected.

A newspaper or packet of newspapers which contains any enclosure except supplements is charged as a letter, unless the enclosure be such as might be sent at the book rate of postage, and the entire packet be sufficiently prepaid as a book packet, in which case it is allowed to pass as a newspaper which has any letter, or any communication of the nature of a letter, written in it or upon its cover, is charged as an unpaid or insufficiently paid letter.

No packet of newspapers may be above 5 lbs. in weight, nor above two feet in length, one foot in width, nor one in depth.

A book packet may contain any number of separate books or other publications (including printed or lithographed letters), photographs (when not on glass or in cases containing glass or any like substance), drawings, prints, or maps, and any quantity of paper, or any other substance in ordinary use for writing or printing upon; and the books or other publications, prints, maps, &c., may be either printed, written, engraved, lithographed, or plain, or any mixture of these. Further, all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book, &c., or of a portion thereof, is allowed, whether such binding, &c., be loose or attached; as also rollers in the case of printed maps, markers (whether of paper or otherwise) in the case of books, pens or pencils in the case of pocket-books, &c., and in short, whatever is necessary for the safe transmission of such articles, or usually appertains thereto; but the binding, rollers, &c. must not be sent as a separate packet.

Circulars, i.e., letters which are intended for transmission in identical terms to several persons, and the whole or the greater part of which is printed, engraved, or lithographed, may also be sent by book post.
But a book packet may not contain any letter, or communication of the nature of a letter (whether separate or otherwise), unless it be a circular letter or be wholly printed; nor any enclosure sealed or in any way closed against inspection. If this rule be infringed, the entire packet is charged as a letter.
A book packet may be posted either without a cover (in which case it must not be fastened, whether by means of gum, wafer, sealing wax, postage stamp, or otherwise), or in a cover entirely open at both ends, so as to admit of the contents being easily withdrawn for examination; or otherwise it is treated as a letter. For the greater security of the contents, however, it may be tied at the ends with string; Postmasters being authorised to cut the string in such cases, although if they do so they must again tie up the packet.
No book packet may be above 5 lbs. in weight, nor above 24 inches in length, 12 inches in width, or 12 inches in depth, unless it be sent to or from one of the Government Offices.

When, owing to a great and unusual influx of letters, books, &c., the transmission or delivery of the letters would be delayed if the whole mail were dealt with without distinction, book packets may be kept back till the next despatch or delivery.

PATTERNS.

They must not be of intrinsic value. This rule excludes all articles of a saleable nature, and indeed whatever may have a value of its own, apart from its mere use as a pattern; and the quantity of any material sent ostensibly as a pattern must not be so great that it can fairly be considered as having on this ground an intrinsic value.

Pattern and Sample Post to colonies and foreign countries is restricted to bona fide trade patterns or samples of merchandise. Goods sent for sale, or in execution of an order (however small the quantity may be), or any articles sent by one private individual to another, which are not actual patterns or samples, are not admissible. Patterns or samples, when practicable, must be sent in covers open at the ends, and in such a manner as to be easy of examination. Samples of seeds, drugs, and such like articles, which cannot be sent in covers of this kind, but such articles only, may be posted enclosed in boxes, or bags of linen or other material, fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened; or, in the case of seeds, &c., in bags entirely closed, provided such closed bags are transparent, so as to enable the Officers of the Post Office readily to satisfy themselves as to the nature of the contents.

There must be no writing or printing upon or in any packet except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender, a trade mark or number, and the price of the articles.

The rule which forbids the transmission through the Post of any article likely to injure the contents of the Mail Bags or Boxes, or the person of any Officer of the Post Office, is, of course, applicable to the Pattern Post; and a packet containing anything of the kind will be stopped, and sent to its destination. Articles such as

the following have been occasionally posted as Patterns, and have been detained as unfit for the Post, viz.: Metal boxes, porcelain and China, fruit, vegetables, bunches of flowers, cuttings of plants, spurs, knives, scissors, needles, pins, pieces of machinery, sharp pointed instruments, samples of metals, samples of glass, samples in glass bottles, pieces of glass, acids of various kinds, curry combs, copper and steel engraving plates, and confectionery of all kinds.

Such articles as scissors, knives, razors, forks, steel pens, nails, keys, watch machinery, metal tubing, pieces of metal or ore, provided that they be packed and guarded in so secure a manner as to afford complete protection to the contents of the mail bags and to the Officers of the Post Office, while at the same time they may be easily examined, may be sent as samples. Indigo cannot be sent to any place.

To provide the greatest possible facilities for posting Correspondence for Europe, &c., up to the latest moment before the departure of the French Packets, arrangements have been made for receiving at the Post Office late letters—except those to and through Australia—from 11.10 A.M. to 11.30 A.M. Each letter must bear a late fee of 18 cents extra postage.

The above arrangement is intended to meet occasional emergencies, and not for the regular posting of extensive correspondence. Should it be found, therefore, that large and unmanageable numbers of letters are habitually thrown upon the Department at the last moment, a heavier late fee will be imposed.

A similar supplementary Mail will be made up for Shanghai by the English and French Contract Steamers, the late letters being received from 10 minutes after, up to half an hour after the time of closing. The late fee will also be 18 cents.

Miscellaneous Notices.

Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day, and generally within two hours, unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mails.

2. Invitations, &c., can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private houses of the addressees rather than at places of business, if a wish to that effect be expressed by the sender, otherwise all correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business. (See Postal Guide, par. 103.)

3. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, Bangkok, or the Ports of China and Japan, may deliver them to the Post Office unregistered, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed if the nature of the contents be fully explained or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

Local Parcel Post.

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post between any of the British Post Offices in China or Japan, as well as to Macao, Peking, Singapore, Penang, and Malacca. They must not exceed the following dimensions, 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, nor weigh more than 5 lbs. The postage will be 20 cents per lb., which will include Registration. The parcels may be wholly closed, but must bear this special endorsement, PARCEL, CONTAINING NO LETTER, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General.

2. The following cannot be transmitted: Parcels insufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed (as sandboxes, &c.), Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dyes, Ices, Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels will as a general rule be forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. The Post Office reserves the right of selecting the opportunity for transmission, and of delaying delivery in case the number of parcels is such as to retard other correspondence. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, but the system of Registration will secure the sender against any but a very remote probability of loss.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

Mails exchanged with Manila and Saigon.

The Philippine Islands being now admitted into the General Postal Union, it follows that all paid correspondence received from Manila to the Mails will be delivered free by this Office, and that all paid correspondence sent to Manila in the mails shall be delivered free there.

Article IX of the Postal Treaty of Bern provides that "Neither the senders nor the addressees of letters and other postal packets shall be called upon to pay, either in the Country of Origin, or in that of Destination, any tax or duty other than the recognised rates levied (in the case of paid correspondence) by the despatching Office. It is hoped that any extra charge, or apparently extra charge, will at once be brought to the notice of the proper authorities, in either Colony."

The above does not apply in any to loose letters sent outside the mails. These will always be charged on arrival in Hongkong and probably the Manila Office will adopt the same course.

Complaints are sometimes received of extra charges on correspondence exchanged between this Colony and Saigon, but it is believed it would be found in all cases that the letters, &c., had been sent loose.

Any Foreign stamps on loose correspondence are obliterated in this Office.

Indian Correspondence.

Unpaid Letters are not received for the Indian Mail Packets.
The Prepayment of correspondence for the Straits, India, Ceylon, and Aden is compulsory by whatever opportunity it is forwarded.

Registration to Bangkok.

Her Britannic Majesty's Consul General for Siam has been good enough to make arrangements by means of which correspondence can be Registered to Bangkok, at the usual charge of 8 cents.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Letters.

Privates in H. M. Army or Navy, Non-commissioned Officers, Army Schoolmasters (not superintending or First Class) or Schoolmistresses may send half-ounce letters to the United Kingdom via Southampton by British Packet, for one penny; or via Brindisi by British Packet for three pence. Hongkong stamps will prepay this class of correspondence exactly the same as Imperial Stamps.

Soldiers' and Sailors' letters are, however, charged as ordinary letters if they do not conform to the following regulations:—

1. Not to exceed half an ounce. No double letters are allowed.
2. If from a Soldier or Sailor, his class or description must be stated in full on the letter, and the commanding Officer must sign his name, with name of Regiment, or Ship, &c., in full.
3. If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class or description must be stated in full, with name of Regiment, or Ship, &c., in full.

* But not Warrant Officers, viz., Assistant Engineer, Gunner, Boatswain, or Carpenter.

Communication with Batavia.

The Netherlands India Packets leave Singapore fortnightly, and are fitted to the arrival of the outward P. & O. Mail from Europe.

The French Packets for Batavia wait at Singapore for the Packet from China and run fortnightly.

It follows that, to forward Correspondence to Batavia with the least delay, the following are the best opportunities:—

In the S.W. Monsoon.
The English Mail.
The French Mail.
In the N.E. Monsoon.

A Private Steamer a few days before the English Mail.
The French Mail.

The Post Office is not, by law, responsible for any loss or inconvenience which may arise from the non-delivery, mis-delivery, or mis-direction of any letter, book, or other postal packet (even if the packet be registered) nor is the Post Office responsible for any injury which a packet may sustain during its transmission.

To guard against such injury all postal packets which are likely to suffer from stamping or from great pressure should be placed in strong covers; and even with this precaution no fragile article should be sent through the Post. It should be remembered that every packet has to be handled several times; that it is exposed to considerable pressure and friction in the mail bag; and that, whenever the bag has in the course of its transmission to be transferred by means of the railway apparatus, the risk of injury is much increased.

No information can be given respecting letters which pass through a Post Office except to the persons to whom they are addressed; and in no other way is official information of a private character allowed to be made public. A Postmaster may, however, give an address if he has no reason to believe that the person whose address it is would disapprove of his doing so.

Postmasters are not allowed to return any letter or other packet to the writer or sender, or to any one else, or to delay forwarding it to its destination according to the address, even though a request to such effect be written thereon.
Postmasters are not bound to give change, nor are they authorised to demand change; and when money is paid at a Post Office, whether as change or otherwise, no question as to its right amount, goodness, or weight can be entertained after it has been removed from the counter.

Postmasters are not bound to weigh any letters or other packets for the public, but they may do so if their duty be not thereby impeded.
The practice of sealing letters passing to and from the East and West Indies, and other countries with hot climates, with wax (except such as is specially prepared), is attended with much inconvenience, and frequently with serious injury, not only to the letters so sealed but to the other letters in the mail, from the melting of the wax and adhesion of the letters to each other. The public are therefore recommended, in all such cases, to use either wafers or gum, and to advise their correspondents, in the countries referred to, to do the same.

The registration of a packet makes its transmission much more secure, inasmuch as, under ordinary circumstances, a registered packet can be traced through its whole course; and thus the loss of a registered packet is a very rare occurrence. Nevertheless large sums of money or other articles of great value should not be sent through the post, even if the packet be registered; as the machinery of the Department is not arranged with a view to such transmission. By law, the Post Office is not responsible for the safe delivery of registered packets; though any officer who may neglect his duty on this point will be called to strict account. Sent in unregistered letters, valuable articles are exposed to risk, and offer a temptation which ought not to be created; and the Department cannot, in any way undertake the safe conveyance of such packets. All inland or colonial letters, therefore, which contain coin, and all inland letters which contain watches or jewellery, even though they be posted without registration, are treated as registered, and charged on delivery with a double registration fee of eightpence in addition to the ordinary postage; and any such letters which cannot be registered in time to be forwarded by the Mail for which they are posted are detained for the next despatch. Even if the letter do not contain any article of intrinsic value, it should, if it be very important, be registered.

Most countries to which Hongkong forwards Correspondence having joined the General Postal Union of being probably about to do so, it is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed:—

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—
Books and Papers—to British Offices, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 2 lbs.

Patterns—to British Offices, 5 lbs. if without intrinsic value; to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

4. The following articles cannot be sent by Post at all: Glass, Liquids, Gunpowder, Matches, Candles, Soap, Indigo, Dye-stuffs, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or offensive or injurious to persons dealing with them.

PARCELS.—The public is reminded that, there is no such thing as Parcel Post to Europe, &c. Much trouble and disappointment is caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable trifles through the Post. Fans, Curios, Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused, the senders having often spent more in Postage than would have paid the freight by a steamer. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamps obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

PATTERNS.—Some difficulty is experienced in obtaining a general understanding of what is a Pattern. It is a bona fide sample of goods which the sender has for sale, or of goods which he wishes to order. It is to consist of the smallest possible quantity compatible with showing what the goods are, and must have no intrinsic value.

To provide means of remitting small sums of money to or from this Colony and between the Ports of China and Japan, the Postmasters and Agents of this Office will in future be allowed (but not required) to purchase Hongkong Postage Stamps from foreign residents.

Between Hongkong and Shanghai, or Hongkong and Yokohama, however, in either direction, Money-Orders must be used.

The Stamps tendered for sale must not exceed \$25 in value, must be perfectly clean, in good condition, and in strips of at least two, as no separate Stamps will be purchased. They must be presented personally or accompanied by a note.

The Postmaster or Agent may postpone purchasing if his public funds in hand are not sufficient, and he will refuse to purchase in any case which appears doubtful or suspicious. He is allowed to charge a Commission of one per cent on all Stamps purchased.

Letters containing Stamps should be Registered, and the Stamps should be secured from observation.

During the N.E. Monsoon, the Charterers and Agents of sailing-ships for Manila, Saigon, and Bangkok are requested to give notice to the Post Office of the departure of such ships.

No correspondence will be forwarded by sailing vessel but such as is specially so directed.

The Stamp Office being now provided with a 3-cent die, Books of Receipts, Rent Collectors' Books, &c., can be stamped beforehand in the same manner as Cheque Books. Loose receipt forms can also be stamped if required.

Money Order Regulations.

1.—Money Orders on the United Kingdom and the Straits Settlements are issued at Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama, Shanghai and Yokohama also issue on Hongkong and vice versa.

2.—Small sums may be remitted between the other Ports by means of Postage Stamps.

3.—Many Money Orders are supplied to residents at the smaller Ports in this way. An application for an order* is filled up, and is enclosed with a stamped, directed, and unsealed envelope to the Postmaster at the nearest issuing office. The application must be accompanied with the full amount (including commission) in cheque, postage stamps, or other equivalent of cash, and a little margin should be left for variations of exchange. The Postmaster issues the order, sends it on in the envelope, and returns the change, if any, by first opportunity, with a receipt for the letter, if it were to be registered, as it always should be. Care should be taken to send these applications in time, as the Money Order Offices close some hours before the departure of the mails.

4.—No order must exceed £10, or include any fraction of a penny. Orders will be drawn at the current rate of the day and paid at the rate of the day when the advice arrived.

The commission is as follows:—

Orders on the United Kingdom.
Up to £2.....18 cents.
" 25.....36
" 50.....54
" 100.....72

Local Money Orders (including Straits Settlements).
Up to \$25.....15 cents.
" 50.....30

5.—Lists of Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom may be consulted at Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama.

6.—Names must be given in full (except when there is more than one Christian name) but the name of the Payee need not be given if the order be crossed (as cheques are crossed). It can then be paid only through a Bank, and may afterwards be specially crossed to any Bank.

7.—No order can be paid till the Payee have signed it in the proper place. An order can be transferred to another office on payment of an additional commission. In case of loss of an order, necessity for stopping payment, or the like, application should be made to the nearest Money Order Office for instructions.

8.—If the order be not presented within six months an additional commission will be charged; if not within twelve months, the money will be forfeited. When the order is once paid no further claim can be entertained.

9.—No order can be paid until the advice relative to it has been received.

* Made out on a printed form which is supplied gratis.
+ Local Orders on Shanghai are drawn at 3 per cent. premium in all cases. A fixed scale rate for drawing on the United Kingdom is in force at Shanghai.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

Unclaimed Correspondence.

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Adkins, Mr. 1	Lock, Thomas 1
A Fox 1	Lone, J. 1
Ainsbury, Capt. 3	Lumston, W. 1
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Alexander, Harry 1	Mackenzie, Capt. 1
Amis, Wm. 1	Martin, R. 1
Anderson, C. E. 1	Mellom, Costa d 1
Arango, J. 1	regd. Moore, Mr. 1
Atak Myran 1	regd. Moore, Miss 1
Ayon 1	regd. Ellen Fano 1
Barclay, C. W. 1	Muller, A. 1
Barrus, Mons. 1	Neo Teing Siew 1
Beal, Mrs. 1	Paul, John 1
Begun, Mons. J. 1	Paterson, Mrs. H. 1
Bernard, Emile 1	regd. Persse, Capt. 1
Black, G. H. 1	regd. Pico, Mr. 1
Blacklock, John 1	regd. Raimond, Baron 1
Blanchard, Y. T. 2	regd. Rayden, W. M. 1
Bossolo, L. D. 1	regd. Richards, Samuel 1
Brokenshure, 4	regd. Richmond, 1
Brooke, J. H. 1	regd. Robert, 1
Brooking, A. C. 1	regd. Roche, John 1
Brown, Camp 1	regd. Rosendahl, P. 1
bell, Sir 1	regd. Rutherford, Rev. 1
Bryde, Capt. 1	regd. Ryan, Capt. 1
Bushnell, Saml. C. 1	regd. Sam Wah 1
Chulan & Co. 1	regd. Sams, W. F. B. 1
Messrs 1	regd. Savio, Plesio 1
Civetta, G. 10	regd. Sharp, G. H. 1
Clarke, Hugh 1	regd. Sheather, J. H. 1
Clarend, Mons. J. 1	regd. Smith & Co., J. G. 1
Colville, D. D. 1	regd. Souza, Do. 1
Croston, James 1	regd. mingo, J. do 1
Cross, Mrs. S. J. 1	regd. Steinhener, C. 1
Cunha, Caro 1	regd. Stewart, Capt. 1
Ilma da 1	regd. Stott, Rev. G. 1
Dhite, Mons. 2	regd. Swinney, P. 1
Dumont, Mrs. 1	regd. Taffall, William 1
H. L. 1	regd. Talat, 1
Evans, James S. 1	regd. Talpey, Cap. Frd. 1
Ferrero, Luigi 1	regd. Tanner, J. B. 1
Fox, Madam 1	regd. Thiel, John F. A. 1
Gaby, John 1	regd. Thomsen, Alex. 1
Garstin, Major 1	regd. Tongee, (Chino) 1
E. C. 1	regd. Tung, Ching 1
Gilkinson, W. P. 1	regd. Walsh, Jas. Jr. 1
Gomes, C. B. H. 1	regd. Webber, R. J. 1
Hamas, G. 1	regd. Whyte, Wm. E. 1
Henage, Al. R. 1	regd. Whyte, J. C. 1
Hill, Chas. E. 1	regd. Williams, John 1
Howard, Mrs. 1	regd. Wing On, Chong 1
Howell, Mrs. L. K. 1	regd. Yea Ching 1

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore B., and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

- Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
 2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
 3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
 4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

- Section.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
 8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignee or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers						
Albay	Brit. str.	365	Nov. 9	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Holow	13th, daylight
America	Brit. str.	562	Nov. 9	Strick & Co.	Singapore, &c.	K'loon Dock
Anchises	Brit. str.	1304	Nov. 9	Butterfield & Swire		
Bombay	Brit. str.	740	Feb. 21	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Australian Ports	To-day
Charleston	Brit. str.	786	Oct. 29	P. M. S. S. Co.	Y'ham & S. F. also	Mails, 15th
City of Peking	Brit. str.	5079	Nov. 7	K'wang Lee Yuen	Holow & Haiphong	To-morrow
Conquest	Brit. str.	317	Nov. 7	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	
Dalio	Brit. str.	657	Nov. 29	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	11th inst.
Danubo	Brit. str.	564	Nov. 29	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	at daylight
Doucalion	Brit. str.	1639	Nov. 9	Butterfield & Swire	London, &c.	11th inst.
Diamante	Brit. str.	514	Nov. 9	Russell & Co.	Amoy	13th, daylight
Douglas	Brit. str.	864	Nov. 9	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Coast Ports	Tug Plying
Fame	Brit. str.	117		H. K. & W. P. Dock Co.		
Fatchoy	Brit. str.	153		G. McElin		
Fuyow	Brit. str.	920	Nov. 9	O. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Glenroy	Brit. str.	1320	Nov. 9	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Yokohama & Hiogo	12th inst.
Japan	Brit. str.	1885	Nov. 9	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	14th, 3 p.m.
Java	Brit. str.	886	Nov. 9	Siemens & Co.	S'pore and Penang	11th inst.
Malacca	Brit. str.	1709	Nov. 9	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	Mails
Ningpo	Brit. str.	781	Nov. 9	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Normanby	Brit. str.	684	Nov. 9	Gibb, Livingstone & Co.	Australian Ports	
Norma	Brit. str.	606	June 4	Siemens & Co.		
Quarta	Brit. str.	731	Nov. 9	Siemens & Co.		
Sea Gull	Brit. str.	48	Nov. 9	W. H. Ray	Salgon	19th inst.
Thales	Brit. str.	830	Nov. 9	Douglas Laprak & Co.		
Venice	Brit. str.	1271	Nov. 9	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	14th, 3 p.m.
Yotung	Brit. str.	236	Nov. 9	K'wok Achong	Swatow	at daylight
Sailing Vessels						
Albyn's Isle	Brit. bge.	884	Nov. 24	Rosario & Co.		
Alva	Brit. bge.	631	Nov. 8	Brandao & Co.		
Anna Bertha	Brit. bge.	468	Oct. 31	Wm. Pustan & Co.	Touzon	
Benafactor	Brit. bge.	696	Aug. 2	Russell & Co.	New York	
Challenge	Brit. bge.	699	Sept. 16	Olyphant & Co.	New York	
Channel Queen	Brit. bge.	606	Oct. 2	Edward Schellhaas & Co.	Obeloo	
Chocola	Brit. bge.	284	Oct. 8	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Honolulu	
Christian	Brit. bge.	280	Nov. 1	Wieler & Co.		
Coeran	Brit. bge.	188	July 18	W. H. Ray		
Commissary	Brit. bge.	900	Oct. 23	Meyer & Co.		
Dartmouth	Brit. bge.	915	Aug. 6	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Dirigo	Brit. bge.	684	Sept. 14	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Hamburg	
Don Quixote	Brit. bge.	1128	Sept. 15	Melchers & Co.	S'pore and Penang	
Drumlog	Brit. bge.	976	Oct. 15	Melchers & Co.		
Elizabeth	Brit. bge.	447	Oct. 30	Wieler & Co.		
Elizabeth Childs	Brit. bge.	581	Nov. 9	Chinese		
Elizabeth Nicholson	Brit. bge.	964	Oct. 17	Borace Co., Limited		
Emily Chaplin	Brit. bge.	733	Nov. 8	Menageries Maritimes		
Emulation	Brit. bge.	890	Oct. 4	Wieler & Co.		
Flamingo	Brit. bge.	820	Oct. 17	Butterfield & Swire		
Fortune	Brit. bge.	435	Oct. 10	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
George Skold	Brit. bge.	1818	Sept. 18	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Gestine Bros.	Brit. bge.	402	Oct. 21	Wm. Pustan & Co.		
Gitanilla	Brit. bge.	472	Oct. 31	Captain		
Glanis	Brit. bge.	1160	Sept. 17	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Harat	Brit. bge.	1400	Sept. 18	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Hermann	Brit. bge.	444	Oct. 30	Wieler & Co.		
Highlander	Brit. bge.	1382	June 19	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Holapir	Brit. bge.	522	Sept. 8	Rosario & Co.		
Imperatrice Elisabeth	Brit. bge.	1629	Sept. 20	D. Musso & Co.		
Iphigenia	Brit. bge.	484	Oct. 10	Wieler & Co.		
Jessie Jamieson	Brit. bge.	504	Oct. 28	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Johann Friedrich	Brit. bge.	242	Nov. 9	Captain		
Johann Smith	Brit. bge.	433	Nov. 7	Melchers & Co.		
Leucadia	Brit. bge.	896	Sept. 19	Adams, Bell & Co.		
Lizzie Perry	Brit. bge.	1122	Aug. 26	Russell & Co.		
Lord Macanlay	Brit. bge.	845	Oct. 7	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Louisa	Brit. bge.	424	Sept. 30	Jack Mee		
Luce	Brit. bge.	482	Nov. 7	Jack Mee		
Lulu	Brit. bge.	378	Nov. 8	Master		
Malina	Brit. bge.	479	Oct. 21	Wieler & Co.		
Mangerton	Brit. bge.	880	Oct. 8	Wieler & Co.		
Marina	Brit. bge.	698	Oct. 19	Wm. Pustan & Co.		
Mary Fraser	Brit. bge.	1174	Aug. 11	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Melrose	Brit. bge.	870	Nov. 2	Meyer & Co.		
Min-y-don	Brit. bge.	994	Sept. 19	Olyphant & Co.		
Moneta	Brit. bge.	621	Aug. 1	Gibb, Livingstone & Co.		
Niagara	Brit. bge.	691	Oct. 11	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Nicolaus	Brit. bge.	167	Oct. 10	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Northern Star	Brit. bge.	327	Oct. 10	Wieler & Co.		
Pelho	Brit. bge.	251	Oct. 31	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Pennith	Brit. bge.	549	Nov. 24	Melchers & Co.		
Philip W. Patrick	Brit. bge.	582	Nov. 9	Douglas Laprak & Co.		
Ralph M. Hayward	Brit. bge.	718	Sept. 28	Meyer & Co.		
Rifman	Brit. bge.	718	Oct. 26	Rosario & Co.		
Riga	Brit. bge.	455	Nov. 6	Wieler & Co.		
Siamese Crown	Brit. bge.	534	Sept. 27	Tack Mee		
Sir Charles Napier	Brit. bge.	1161	May 27	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Spartan	Brit. bge.	100	Sept. 23	W. H. Ray		
Spinaway	Brit. bge.	325	Oct. 15	Siemens & Co.		
St. Idene	Brit. bge.	888	Oct. 26	Carlowitz & Co.		
Sumatra	Brit. bge.	1090	Sept. 6	Russell & Co.		
Ta Lee	Brit. bge.	345	Oct. 26	Siemens & Co.		
Tartar	Brit. bge.	256	Oct. 31	Melchers & Co.		
The Goodwin	Brit. bge.	717	Nov. 6	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Three Brothers	Brit. bge.	387	Oct. 19	Chinese		
Trio	Brit. bge.	268	Oct. 11	Siemens & Co.		
Varuna	Brit. bge.	488	Oct. 11	Wieler & Co.		
Verona	Brit. bge.	698	Oct. 24	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Vesta	Brit. bge.	308	Oct. 2	Melchers & Co.		
Vesta	Brit. bge.	417	Oct. 15	Siemens & Co.		
Vidal	Brit. bge.	409	Oct. 15	Siemens & Co.		
Wodan	Brit. bge.	459	Nov. 9	Wieler & Co.		
WHAMPOA						
Aleppo	Brit. bge.	668	Nov. 2	Chinese		

Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor.	Flag.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
Alert	6 c	U. S.	gunboat	541	8	1700	Nov. 9	Robert Boyd
Frya	6 c	German	corvette	1088	8	1700	Oct. 16	Von Nothke
Kastel	6 c	British	gun vessel	592	4	100	Oct. 31	Fred. Edwards
Magpie	6 c	British	gun vessel	774	8	180	Nov. 4	W. M. Lang
Marques del Duero	6 b	Spanish	transport	850	...	...	Nov. 7	Gullenne Lobe
Mecanee	6 c	British	military hospital	2691	...	...	...	J. B. Hays
Sheldrake	6 c	British	gunboat	...	4	60	Oct. 16	Commodore Watson
Victor Emanuel	6 c	British	Commodore's flag-ship	3087	20	...	...	William M. Annesley
Vigilant	6 b	British	despatch vessel	856	2	250	Oct. 11	...

FOOCHOW SHIPPING IN PORT.

Nov. 2, 1878.

Vessel's Name.	Flag.	Class.	Cons.
Chloris	German	barque	for London
Glamorganshire	for London		
May Smith	for Penang		
Thomas Brown	for Colonies		

SHIPPING IN FRANGHAI HARBOUR.

October 31, 1878.

Vessel's Name.	Flag.	Class.	Cons.
Antenor	for London, &c.		
Asia	for London, &c.		
Ava	for London, &c.		
Chafes	for London, &c.		

MERCHANT SHIPPING VESSELS.

Vessel's Name.	Flag.	Class.	Cons.
Anna Camp	American ship		
Atma	British barque		
Blackadder	British ship		
Canon Harrison	American barque		
Capella	British barque		
Castle Holmes	British barque		
Chasron Watana	Siamese ship		
Obing Tah	Chinese barque		
Cutty Sark	British ship		
Enslid	British barque		
Fleety Cross	British ship		

MERCHANT SHIPPING VESSELS.

Vessel's Name.	Flag.	Class.	Cons.
Charybdis	H. M. corvette		
Cosmas	French corvette		
Cyclop	German gunboat		
Gowley	H. M. gun-vessel		
Kua Hing	Chinese light-tender		
Ling Feng	Chinese corvette		
Lynx	French gunboat		
Monongahela	H. M. corvette		

HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Saturday, Nov. 9th, 1878.

At 1110 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

Butcher Meat.		Price.	Chinese Name.
Bacon, English, . . . lb.	450	400	來路烟猪肉
" Ame. Sugar cured, . .	250	220	花旗烟猪肉
" Foochow,	200	180	福州烟猪肉
Beef, sirloin and prime cut, cy.	170	160	龍扒肉
Beef Corned,	140	130	鹹牛肉
" Roast,	160	140	燒牛肉
" Soup,	100	90	湯牛肉
" Steak,	180	140	牛肉
Bullocks' Brains, . . . per set	50	40	牛腦
" Tongue, fresh, each	310	280	牛脚
" " corned,	300	280	鹹牛脚
" Head,	500	450	牛頭
" Heart,	140	130	牛心
" Hump, Salt,	150	140	牛肩
" Feet,	50	40	牛脚
" Kidneys,	60	50	牛腰
" Tail,	110	100	牛尾
" Liver,	80	70	牛肝
" Tripe (undressed), catty	60	50	牛肚
Calves' Head and Feet, set	600	500	牛仔頭脚
Hams, American, . . . lb.	390	300	花旗火腿
" Chinese,	220	200	金華火腿
" English,	350	320	來路火腿
Mutton Chop,	180	170	羊牌骨
" Leg,	180	170	羊腩
" Shoulder,	140	—	羊手
Pigs' Chikings,	60	50	猪脚
" Feet,	90	80	猪脚
" Fry,	100	90	猪頭
" Head,	80	70	猪頭
" Heart,	50	40	猪心
" Kidneys,	80	70	猪腰
" Liver,	100	90	猪肝
Pork, Chop,	150	140	猪排骨
" Corned,	140	130	鹹猪肉
" Leg,	180	140	猪腿
" Fat or Lard,	110	100	猪油
Sheeps' Head and Feet, set	400	350	羊頭脚
" Heart,	50	40	羊心
" Kidneys,	80	70	羊腰
" Liver,	160	140	羊肝
Sucking Pigs,	\$2.25	\$1.50	猪仔
Sweet Bread,	130	120	牛仔
Veal,	140	130	牛仔肉
Poultry.			生口
Oapona,	250	160	雞
Ducks,	120	110	鴨
Eggs, Hen,	100	—	雞蛋
Fowls,	160	150	雞
Geese,	150	140	鵝
Partridges,	300	270	鵲
Pheasants, Canton, live, pair	\$1.80	1.60	省城山雞
Pigeons,	140	130	白鴿
Quail,	110	100	鶉
Rabbits, live, Canton, . .	700	650	省城家兔
Rice Birds,	250	200	省城雀
Snipe,	110	100	沙追
Teal,	250	200	水鴨
Turkeys, Cock,	500	400	火雞
" Hen,	350	300	火雞
Fish.			海鮮
Bombay Ducks, . . . per hundred	400	300	肚魚乾
Bream,	80	70	鯽魚
Carp,	90	80	鯉魚
Catfish,	60	50	鹹魚
Codfish, Salt,	160	—	鹹魚
Crabs,	100	50	蟹
Cuttle Fish,	100	90	墨魚
Dace,	100	90	土鯪魚
Dog Fish,	60	40	跌倒沙
Eels, Congor,	70	60	海鰻
" Fresh water,	140	—	淡水鰻
File Fish,	70	60	刺皮洋
Fresh Fish, Large,	160	150	大鮮魚
" Small,	80	70	鮮魚仔
Garoupe,	160	140	西班牙魚
Gudgeon,	110	100	白哈魚
Gurnard,	100	90	紅角
Haddock,	60	50	黃美鱈
Herrings, fresh,	55	50	黃澤
" smoked,	\$1.00	—	烟黃澤
King Crab,	110	100	蟹
Live Fish,	130	120	生魚
Lobsters,	140	130	龍蝦
Mullet,	80	70	鱖魚
" Red,	110	100	鹹魚紅
Oysters,	160	130	生蠔
Parrot Fish,	100	90	鸚鵡魚
Perch,	70	60	頭鱖魚
Pike,	120	110	鱖魚
Plaice,	80	80	白鰈魚
Pomfret, White,	100	90	花鰻魚
Pomfret, Black,	90	80	黑鰻魚
Stawns,	140	—	明蝦
Tay,	70	60	琵琶蝦
Rock Fish,	100	90	狗牙